



# UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG

Faculty Board of Social Sciences

## SW2579, Degree Report, 30 higher education credits

Second Cycle

SW2579, Vetenskapligt arbete, 30 högskolepoäng  
Avancerad nivå

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### 1. Confirmation

The syllabus was confirmed by the Faculty Board of Social Sciences, on 13 October 2009. Valid from spring semester, 2010.

Disciplinary domain: Social science. Responsible department: Department of Social Work.

### 2. Position in the educational system

The course, Degree Report, 30 higher education credits, is a programme course given within the Master's Programme in Social Work and Human Rights within the Faculty of Social Science. The course is an degree project course.

### 3. Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course, Degree Report, 30 higher education credits, a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, or a Bachelor's Degree in related topics, proficiency in English, and to have completed the course Research Theories and Methods, 15 higher education credits, with a minimum of Passed mark is required.

### 4. Course content

The course deals with the following topics:

To choose a topic and formulate a research question.

To collect data.

To document the data.

To analyze the data.

To write a research report.

To participate in at least five final seminars.

### 5. Outcomes

After completion of the course the student is expected to

#### *1. Knowledge and Understanding*

have achieved a deeper knowledge and understanding about scientific work in a specific area of social work

have achieved deeper knowledge and understanding about different theories and methods within the area of global social work and/or human rights issues.

## *2. Skills and Abilities*

be able to critically discuss research questions in the framework of international social work.

be able to plan and carry out independent research work in a global context and **analyze, assess and handle complex phenomena, questions and situations within a certain field of research.**

be able to assess and discuss different research methods as well as collect and analyze relevant data material in relation to the chosen research questions .

be able to document and discuss the research process and consider ethical dilemmas, analyze empirical data, and present the results in a written research report

be able to discuss and reflect on the significance of the findings from social work and/or human rights perspectives.

be able to in national as well as international contexts and in dialogue with scholars and professionals discuss methodological and theoretical issues related to scientific work in a systematic and pedagogic way.

be able to independently present and defend a well structured and stringent research report as well as act as an opponent in a supporting and critical way.

## *3. Judgement and Approach*

develop further their own values and attitudes in relation to scientific work in the area of social work and/or human rights

## **6. Required reading**

See separate reading list.

## **7. Assessment**

The examination consists of defending the degree report at a final seminar, opposing a fellow students degree report at a final seminar and participating in at least five final seminars.

A student who has failed a test twice has the right to change examiners, if it is possible. A written application should be sent to the Department.”

## **8. Grading scale**

The grading scale comprises Fail, (U), Pass (G) and Pass with Distinction (VG).

## **9. Course evaluation**

The course director guarantees that the evaluation is considered regularly and systematically at the end of the course.

## **10. Additional information**

The course is given in English.