



Faculty of Social Sciences

## SASCO, Master of Science Programme in Sociology, 120 credits

*Masterprogram i sociologi, 120 högskolepoäng*

Second cycle degree programme requiring previous university study / *Program med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå*

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### Decision

The programme syllabus is established by Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences 19-09-2017 (U 2017/441) and most recently amended by Pro dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences 14-03-2019 (U 2019/127). The amended syllabus is valid from 15-10-2019, autumn semester 2020.

### Programme description

The Master of Science in Sociology prepares the student for PhD studies in Sociology as well as for advanced professional work in sociological inquiries and community planning. The programme allows the student considerable freedom to select courses according to interest and future needs. The programme enables the student to develop critical thinking, analytical skills and ability to conduct societal analysis, as well as to acquire specialized knowledge of sociology. The programme combines deep subject knowledge with broadening perspectives and links with wider society. The programme provides the student with specialisation in the scholarly approach that is fundamental to the students aiming to pursue PhD studies but which is also of considerable value for advanced work as a policy or operational officer in different kinds of organisations at different levels. It provides the student with both the knowledge and the practical skills needed to work in a broad range of fields including governmental, non-governmental and the private sector. Furthermore, the programme provides students with knowledge and skills to adapt to a changing working life and ability to contribute to development in society and working life.

## Goals

In accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance, the student shall for a Degree of Master (120 credits) and a Degree of Master (60 credits) respectively demonstrate the following:

### Knowledge and understanding

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of Sociology, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the field of Sociology.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of Sociology, including both an overview of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the field of Sociology.

### Competence and skills

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues autonomously as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or employment in some other qualified capacity.

## Judgement and approach

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the field of Sociology informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

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## Course information

A degree of Master of Science in Sociology must include 30 credits in sociological theory, 30 credits in the theory of science and research methods (of which at least 7.5 credits in the theory of science and at least 15 credits in research methods) and a master's thesis in Sociology of 30 credits. The remaining 30 credits consists of elective courses, studies abroad or an Internship course.

*Additional information in appendix Course information SASCO.*

## Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Science (120 credits)

Major: Sociology

*Filosofie masterexamen*

*Huvudområde: Sociologi*

Degree of Master of Science (60 credits)

Major: Sociology

*Filosofie magisterexamen*

*Huvudområde: Sociologi*

To acquire a Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) within the programme the student must have passed the courses required under "Course Information" (or corresponding courses at another university).

It is also possible to acquire a Degree of Master of Science (60 credits) with a major in Sociology after completion of the following required courses:

1. Sociology: Classical and Contemporal Theory, 15 credits
2. Sociology: Methods and Social Analysis, 15 credits

3. Elective courses, 15 credits
4. Master's thesis, 15 credits

## **Requirements and Selection method**

### **Requirements**

To be eligible for the programme the applicant must have the equivalent of a Swedish Bachelor's degree with a major (i.e. at least 90 ECTS credits) in Sociology or equivalent.

A good command of English language both spoken and written, equivalent to English 6/B (advanced) proficiency in the Swedish secondary system, is required. Equivalence assessments will be made according to national guidelines.

### **Selection method**

The applicants estimated capacity to complete the programme is the primary criterion for selection. Students are selected on the basis of their previous study results (grades on courses and Bachelor's degree essay), proficiency in English and letter of intent.

### **Other information**

Instructions regarding teaching and examination are given in the syllabi for each course respectively. Students who have completed studies equivalent to courses within the programme may apply to have these courses accredited.

The language of instruction is English, which means that lectures and seminars are given in English, examination are in English, and student essays and papers are written in English. The master's thesis can be written in English or a Scandinavian language.

Appendix  
**Course information SASCO**

	<b>Course</b>	<b>Course</b>
<b>Semester I</b>	Sociology: Classical and Contemporary Theory, 15 credits	Sociology: Methods and Social Analysis, 15 credits
<b>Semester II</b>	Sociology: Modern Classics, 15 credits	Selected courses in theory of science and research methods, 15 credits
<b>Semester III</b>	Elective courses /Study abroad/Internship, 30 credits	
<b>Semester IV</b>	Master's thesis, 30 credits	