

## Course Syllabus

### **Older Adults Living Conditions 7.5 Credits, Second Cycle**

#### **Learning Outcomes**

The overall objective of the course is that students shall gain a deeper understanding on ageing from social gerontological theories and perspectives, and how different factors on individual-, group, and community level may affect older persons' living conditions.

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

After completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Present and discuss principal social gerontological theories, perspectives, and research on aging and older adults.
- Demonstrate knowledge and discuss ageing and older adults' living conditions, health, and functional ability in relation to factors on an individual-, group- and community level.

#### **Competence and skills**

After completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Identify and problematize ethical dilemmas in relation to, as professional, meeting older adults and their next of kin.
- Identify and problematize the importance of intersectional perspectives in relation to older adults' living conditions, wellbeing, and health.

#### **Judgement and approach**

After completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Evaluate and reflect on the importance of dignity, integrity, and autonomy from the older adult's perspective.
- Reflect critically on their own professional role and the importance of professional treatment of older adults and their next of kin.

#### **Course Content**

The course covers principal social gerontological theories and perspectives, research on

ageing and on older adults, and how older adults living conditions can be understood bases on the older adults social, physical and cultural context. The course also covers concepts on equality, integrity, dignity and ethics in professional situations when meeting older adults.

**Assessment**

Seminars and written assignments

**Grades**

The grading scale used for the final course grade is U–G.

Pass or fail, 7,5 ECTS

Grades are reported as follows:

- Seminars and written examinations - 7.5 Credits | U–G

**Prerequisites**

90 credits in Social Work or Social Care, including a thesis of 15 credits

**Other Information**

This course cannot be counted towards the same degree along with courses that have equivalent content.

If the student has received a decision/recommendation granting study support from Dalarna University because of a disability, then the examiner has the right to offer an alternative examination arrangement. The examiner takes into account the objectives in the course syllabus when deciding whether the examination can be adapted in accordance with the decision/recommendation.

**Subject:**

Social Work

**This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:**

1. Social Work

**Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:**

1. A1N

**Approved:**

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