



**Karolinska  
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Course syllabus for

# **Health and Ill-Health - a Psychosomatic Perspective, 7.5 credits**

Hälsa och ohälsa - ett psykosomatiskt perspektiv, 7.5 hp

This course syllabus is valid from spring 2017.

Please note that the course syllabus is available in the following versions:

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Course code	2QA085
Course name	Health and Ill-Health - a Psychosomatic Perspective
Credits	7.5 credits
Form of Education	Higher Education, study regulation 2007
Main field of study	Not applicable
Level	Second cycle, in-depth level of the course cannot be classified
Grading scale	Fail (U) or pass (G)
Department	Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society
Decided by	Styrelsen för utbildning
Decision date	2010-03-19
Revised by	Board of Higher Education
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## **Specific entry requirements**

A minimum of 120 credits from studies leading towards a professional degree as occupational therapist, audiologist, dietician, speech therapist, medical doctor, psychologist, nurse, physiotherapist, or social work. And proficiency in Swedish and English equivalent to Swedish B/Swedish 3 and English A/English 6.

## **Objectives**

The aim of the course is to provide enhanced knowledge of a psychosomatic approach and how this can be applied in the patient encounter and in collaboration with other staff in the multi-disciplinary team.

On completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- account too and apply a biopsychosocial perspective on mental/psychosomatic disease, long pain and stress-related troubles,
- account for body therapy, affect focused and behavioural interventions and their applications
- co-operate in a multi-disciplinary team, and argue for the own specific field of knowledge and the role

in the rehabilitation of patients with mental/psychosomatic problems, long lasting pain and stress-related problems,

- demonstrate a scientific and critical thinking and a reflective attitude to one's own perspectives/values and realise the needs of life-long learning.

## Content

The course comprises:

- Explanatory models on health/unhealth; psycho-somatic theory, psychological and behavioural medicine models.
- Stress theories and knowledge of the stress regulating system of the body.
- Body, being, meaning and reflection as central concepts to understand the body soul entity.
- Merleau-Ponty's phenomenological understanding of "the lived body".
- Models to understand acceptance and change processes.
- Existential perspective on health / ill health
- Therapeutic attitude.
- Affect theory/affect interview.
- Body awareness and mindfulness training.

## Teaching methods

Different types of teaching are used; lectures, literature studies, discussions in seminars and group project.. Strong emphasis is put on active knowledge acquisition and at reflecting on ones own experiences in body awareness - and mindfulness training.

## Examination

Assessment of knowledge, skills, attitudes and self reflecting capacity is continuously carried out through follow-up of study assignments, and in the final examination. The examination consists of a written individual assignment and an assignment that is carried out in groups. For a Pass grade in the course, fulfilment of study assignments, approved examination, attendance and active participation in body awareness training and seminar discussions, are required .

## Transitional provisions

Examination will be provided during a period of one year after a close-down of the course. Examination may take place following previous course literature during a period of one year after the date of the renewal of the course literature.

## Other directives

Language of instruction: Swedish.

Course evaluation is carried out in accordance with the guidelines established by the Board of Education. During the course, the participants are encouraged to give their views on the course content and arrangements. .

This course is a collaboration with The Ersta Sköndal University College Department of caring science.

The course replaces 2QA020.

The course can not be included in a degree together with successful completion of another course if the content totally or partly corresponds with the content of this course. The following course is overlapping: 2XX044, Health and disease - a psychosomatic perspective, 7.5 HE credits

## Literature and other teaching aids

### **Att förstå kroppens budskap : sjukgymnastiska perspektiv**

*Biguet, Gabriele; Keskinen-Rosenqvist, Riitta; Levy Berg, Adrienne*

1. uppl. : Lund : Studentlitteratur, 2012 - 406 s.

ISBN:978-91-44-07321-7 LIBRIS-ID:13512943

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*Bragée, Britt*

### **Kroppen först : En behandlingsmodell vid psykosomatik**

Studentlitteratur AB, 2013

ISBN:978-91-44-08460-2 LIBRIS-ID:13743343

[Library search](#)

*Bullington, Jennifer*

### **Psykosomatik : om kropp, själ och meningsskapande**

1. uppl. : Lund : Studentlitteratur, 2007 - 207, [1] s.

ISBN:9789144026459 LIBRIS-ID:10462754

[Library search](#)

*Sonnby-Borgström, Marianne*

### **Affekter, affektiv kommunikation och anknytningsmönster : ett bio-psyko-socialt perspektiv**

1. uppl. : Lund : Studentlitteratur, 2005 - 255 s.

ISBN:91-44-03099-1 LIBRIS-ID:9712834

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*Steen, Eldri; Haugli, Liv*

### **Når livet setter seg i kroppen : mindfulness, muligheter, valg**

3. utg. : Oslo : Bazar, cop. 2011 - 188 s.

ISBN:978-82-8087-435-1 LIBRIS-ID:14843431

[Library search](#)

*Neve, Ing-Marie*

### **Läkekunstens arbetsredskap : livshistoriecentrerad metodik**

Lund : Studentlitteratur, 2003 - 166 s.

ISBN:91-44-02780-X : LIBRIS-ID:8871494

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