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Course syllabus for

Multicausality in suicidal processes, 10 credits

Multikausalitet i suicidala processer, 10 hp

This course has been cancelled, for further information see Transitional provisions in the last version of the syllabus.

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

Spring2008 , Spring2011

Course code	4FH011
Course name	Multicausality in suicidal processes
Credits	10 credits
Form of Education	Higher Education, study regulation 2007
Main field of study	Public Health Sciences
Level	AV - Second cycle
Grading scale	Pass with distinction, Pass, Fail
Department	Department of Global Public Health
Decided by	Arbetsgruppen för masterprogrammet i folkhälsovetenskap
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Objectives

Upon completion of the course the student should have achieved an advanced understanding of the interaction of biological, social, and psychological vulnerability factors and external adversity in generating severe mental ill-health and suicide. The student should be able to search and analytically discuss scientific information on mental ill-health and suicide from an individual- as well as a population-based perspective. The student should also be able to reflect on the ethical questions and emotional complications that are associated with the field of research.

Content

The focus of the course is on the interaction of individual vulnerability factors with external adversity in generating severe mental distress and suicide. "Suicidal processes" denote sequences of events in an individual's life that may culminate in a conscious wish to die and in suicide. Lectures and seminars are given on neurobiological, psychological, and sociological perspectives on mental ill health and suicide. Anthropological perspectives and social and cultural protective factors are also addressed.

Literature and other teaching aids

Suicide : an unnecessary death

Wasserman, Danuta

London : Martin Dunitz, 2001 - xxv, 286 s.

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