



**Karolinska  
Institutet**

Course syllabus for

# **Computer applications in health care and biomedicine, 10 credits**

Informationssystem i hälso- och sjukvården, 10 hp

This course syllabus is valid from autumn 2014.

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Course code	5HI001
Course name	Computer applications in health care and biomedicine
Credits	10 credits
Form of Education	Higher Education, study regulation 2007
Main field of study	Health Informatics
Level	AV - Second cycle
Grading scale	Fail (F), fail (Fx), sufficient (E), satisfactory (D), good (C), very good (B) or excellent (A)
Department	Department of Learning, Informatics, Management and Ethics
Decided by	Programnämnd 5
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## **Specific entry requirements**

A Bachelor's degree or a professional degree equivalent to a Swedish Bachelor's degree of at least 180 credits in health care, biomedicine, medical technology, computer and systems sciences, informatics or the equivalent. Knowledge of the English language equivalent to English B at Swedish upper secondary school.

## **Objectives**

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

Knowledge and understanding

- analyse, discuss and reflect on the information and communication needs in the health care and describe common sources of information,
- analyse, discuss and problematize the use of information systems in health care.

**Skills and ability**

- describe the structure, functionality and use of e.g: medical record systems, telemedical applications or computer applications within medical education or public health.

**Assessment ability and attitudes**

- reflect on the integration problems between different information systems that are used in health care,
- analyse, discuss and reflect on legal/ethical aspects concerning the structure and the use of information system in health care.

**Content**

- Business processes, care processes, care logistic and referral management
- The care information needs – communication – sources of information – transfer and use (basic informatics – collection processing and presentation of a patient-related data)
- Realisation of evidence based care and the connection to research.
- Operational follow up, quality assurance and Quality Register
- Information retrieval – information structures – standards (introduction to classifications and terminologies)
- Exemplification/Description of information systems in the areas of Clinical informatics, Consumer health informatics and Public health informatics.
- The structure, contents and the use of the patient journal - Legal and ethical aspects
- Integration problems between different systems
- Data Security – Ethical and legal aspects

**Teaching methods**

The course is divided into five separate parts in which experts give lectures and demonstrations. The component parts are:

- General part (Health informatics)
- Clinical informatics
- Consumer health informatics
- Public health informatics and its practical use

**Examination**

Each part (has its own examination (Individual assignments (A-F)

The final grade for the course is a weighted average of grades for all course components. To pass the course you must get at least E in all parts.

Limitation of number of occasions to write the exam

The student has the right to write the exam six times. If the student has not passed the exam after four participations he/she is encouraged to visit the study advisor.

The number of times that the student has participated in one and the same examination is regarded as an examination session. Submission of a blank examination is regarded as an examination. An examination for which the student registered but not participated in will not be counted as an examination.

**Transitional provisions**

After each course, there will be at least 6 occasions for examination within a 2-year period after the end of the course.

## Other directives

Course evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines established by the Board of Higher Education.

The course is given in English.

## Literature and other teaching aids

### **Biomedical informatics : computer applications in health care and biomedicine**

*Shortliffe, Edward H.; Cimino, James J.*

3. ed. : New York : Springer, cop. 2006 - xxvi, 1037 s.

ISBN:978-0-387-28986-1 (inb.) LIBRIS-ID:10198070

URL: <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/enhancements/fy0663/2006921549-d.html>

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### **Guide to health informatics**

2. ed. : London : Arnold, 2003 - xxvii, 440 s.

ISBN:0-340-76425-2 (hft.) LIBRIS-ID:4853537

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