Syllabus
for course at first level
Practicum
Psykologpraktik

Course code: PSYY07
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Subject: Psychology

Decision
Ratified by the Board of the Psychology Department, Stockholm University; 20-05-2008. The syllabus is valid from the beginning of the spring term 2010.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements
Students must be enrolled on the Psychologist Program.

The course will be run over terms 5 and 6. For admission to term 5 or higher the course the requirements are

1. All compulsory elements of terms 1 to 5 must be wholly completed.
2. A pass on all courses and modules from terms 1 to 5 (courses 1-5, and course components 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3).

If special reason exists exempt may be given by the Board of the Psychology Department.

Course structure

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Course content
The course comprises a continuous training period equivalent to 22.5 credits (about 70 working days) at an applied psychological institution.

Practicum shall illuminate such theories that have practical elements of general meaning in applied psychological work. Against this background students are expected to orientate themselves toward the specific characteristics of the organization approved regulations in the concerned practical institution, applied area, and knowledge of the specific methods used.

Focus in applied education is on client contact, integration of theoretical and practical aspects in client contact and, integration of theoretical and practical application in psychological work. The student will share in the management of cases or assignments, and based on sound theory may be required to collect, analyse and integrate investigative data, by which to gain experience of the planning of ongoing treatment, or other measures. In addition, intention is to give training in the written and verbal communication of data. All work
will be supervised by an experienced psychologist.

**Learning outcomes**  
Practical psychological work exercised on the basis of scientific and proven experience. On these grounds, the student will, on completion of the course, be able to integrate and apply the content from terms one to five.

**Knowledge and understanding**

On successful completion the student will be able to  
• Collect and analyse data and make judgements based on an overall view of the data.  
• Propose plan, and implement a course of action.  
• Prepare written and verbal reports of the treatment before supervision.  
• Demonstrate verbally and in writing the applied institutions goals, their societal placement, organization, and rules as well as the position and tasks of the psychologist in the organization.

**Skill and ability**

On successful completion the student will be able to  
• Apply a framework that is valid in relation to the client and employer.  
• Take supervision and make use of it.  
• Communicate a summary of results and interpretation both in written and spoken form.

**Professional conduct and attitude**

On successful completion the student will  
• Be able to establish a working alliance with the client and employer.  
• Show suitable empathy and intellectual understanding of the clients/employers problem-portrayal.  
• Demonstrate an understanding of potential interaction problems in different types of working relations.  
• Be able to act responsibly in terms of work secrecy and ethical principles.  
• Be able to reflect on one's own roll in relation to other individuals, groups, and organisation of the working place.  
• Show an ability to identify one's own need of certain knowledge and continued development of one’s competence.  
• Be capable of continued self-development and empathetic ability.

**Education**

Tuition will primarily take place in the form of supervision of the work in the clinical institution. Attendance and active participation in the workplace is required according to the overall work-plan of the supervisor. Candidates will follow the normal working times and routines of the workplace. Some absence can be compensated with designated, supervised, assignments. If doubt exists consultation will take place with the course leader.

A course demand also pertains to active participation in scheduled seminars and submission of written work. The student will write a report on the practicum, to be presented in the final report seminar. Absence may be compensated by way of the possibility of attending the corresponding seminar the following term or with a designated course assignment set by the course leader.

**Forms of examination**

The course leader will assess the students work. Students work will most normally be graded on completion of the course. The grade will be decided in discussion with each student's supervisor, on the basis that the candidate has fulfilled the course demands and expected study requirements.

All work will be graded in terms of 'pass' or 'fail'.

**Routine principles for failed or terminated client-work**

A qualified (course responsible) assessor will judge whether the student passes or fails the course. In the normal case the student will be graded on completion of the course. In special cases, the student may be assessed to fail during ongoing course.

The assessor can then terminate the practicum and fail a student during the course, if the tutor and assessor together make the assessment that the student commits serious mistakes in contact with the client, or perceive a risk in the student's work that could hurt or harm another person.
Continuation for students of interrupted practicum.

If the student fails – during the course or at the end of the course – the student has the opportunity to re-take the whole course. The earliest this can start is at the start of a new term after the term in which the student failed.

The assessor shall together with the director of studies, hereby, formally control, pass and by interview with the student, ensure that the student has the knowledge and skills required to complete the course. To this end, the assessor and supervisor will meet with the student at least twice per term to control and assess the student’s performance of the course.

**Additional information**
This course cannot be read as an independent course.

**Required reading**
Special literature of about 500 sides to complement the different work assignments passed down by the supervisor at the clinical institute.

The literature used on the course will be decided by the Department Board.