



LUNDS
UNIVERSITET

Department of Sociology

A. Syllabus for Reading Course in– SOCIOLOGICAL CRIMINOLOGY: CRIME, DEVIANCE, AND CRIMINALS

.

A third level (PhD) “reading course” does not involve any traditional teaching and typically only a few students participate in the course. A reading course for 7,5 credits should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, where the amount of reading will vary depending on the nature of the texts. The Department of Sociology offers reading courses to its PhD students in areas that cover either a specific topic of high relevance for the PhD thesis or a specific area of research expertise in the Department. This course belongs to the latter category.

This course has been reviewed by the Director of Graduate Studies on 2018-01-25.

B. Course Details, Assessment and Grading

This course is offered by Malin Åkerström upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under F, below. There is no teaching involved. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 10-15 pages and an oral examination (individually or in group).

The grades for the course are awarded as Pass or Fail. To receive a Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course and demonstrate an independent, reflective, well-informed and critical relationship to the issues presented in the course.

C. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

- 1) Summarize the main outlines of the research field covered in the reading material;
- 2) Critically examine contributions to the relevant research field;
- 3) Apply some ideas in the literature to a research problem.

D. Course Content

The aim of this course is to provide advanced knowledge of sociological criminology. The course aims to present various theoretical understandings, methodologies, and present various contexts where these perspectives may be used.

E. Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to the Ph.D. program at the Department of Sociology, Lund University, or be accepted as a visiting student to that program.

F. Course Literature

Mandatory readings

- Beirne, Piers. *Inventing Criminology: Essays on the Rise of 'Homo Criminalis'*. State University of New York Press.
- Collins, Randall. 2009. *Violence – a micro-sociological theory*. Princeton University. (valda delar)
- Katz, Jack. *Seductions of Crime- Attractions in Doing Evil*. (valda delar)
- Laub, John and Sampson, Robert. 2003. *Shared Beginnings, Divergent Lives. Delinquent Boys to age 70*. Harvard University Press.
- Presser, Lois. 2004. "Violent Offenders, Moral Selves: Constructing Identities and Accounts in the Research Interview." *Social Problems* 51(1): 82-101.
- Sandberg, Sveinung, "Street Capital: Ethnicity and Violence on the streets of Oslo." *Theoretical Criminology*. May 2008 vol. 12 no. 2 153-171
- Kusenbach, Margarethe "Salvaging Decency: Mobile Home Residents' Strategies of Managing the Stigma of 'Trailer' Living". *Qualitative Sociology* (2009) 32:399–428.
- Vaughan, Diane 1999. The Dark Side of Organizations: Mistake, Misconduct, and Disaster. *Annu. Rev. Sociol.* 25:271.305
- Mars, Gerald 1982. *Cheats at work: An anthropology of workplace crime*, George Allen and Unwin, London. (valda delar)

Depending on the paper topic, students are encouraged to complement the reading list with relevant books/articles. The list below can serve as a starting point.

- Anderson, Bridget (2000) *Doing the Dirty Work? The Global Politics of Domestic Labour*. London: Zed Books.
- Baker, Phyllis. 2004. "It is the Only Way I Can Survive": Gender Paradox among Recent Mexicana Immigrants." *Sociological Perspectives*, 47: 4. 393-408
- Bishop, Vicky; Marek Korczynski och Laurie Cohen. 2005. The invisibility of violence. Constructing violence out of the job centre workplace in the UK. *Work Employment & Society*, 19:3: 583-602.
- Engdahl, Oskar (2010). Bortom girigheten: ekonomisk brottslighet i bank- och finansbranschen. Umeå: Borea.
- Klockars. 1974. *The Professional Fence*.
- Messerschmidt James. 2004. *Flesh and Blood*. Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield.

- Riessman Kohler, Catherine. 2000. "Stigma and Everyday Resistance Practices: Childless Women in South India." *Gender and Society* 14(1):111-35.
- Shapiro, Susan (1990). "Collaring the Crime, not the Criminal: Reconsidering the Concept of White-Collar Crime". *American Sociological Review*, 55:3:346–365.
- Snow, David A. & Anderson, Leon. 1987. Identity Work among the Homeless: The Verbal Construction and Avowal of Personal Identities. *American Journal of Sociology*. 92:6:1336-1371.
- Steffensmeier, Darrel och Ulmer, Jeffrey.2005. *Confessions of a Dying Thief*. Aldine Transactions.