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## M.S. in Psychology

Since 2018, the Higher Education Ordinance mandates a new degree requirement that encompasses comprehensive educational objectives relating to the understanding of men's violence against women and intimate partner violence. These objectives have been further specified and tailored to various educational programs at Swedish universities, highlighting specific competencies, skills, judgments, approaches and formulated content. Below are objectives in the Psychology program from one of the universities.

## Objectives

Knowledge and understanding

- Describe and discuss how contextual factors, including men's violence against women and violence in close relationships, impact health and well-being.
- Demonstrate knowledge of how various factors in children's upbringing can pose risks to their development and mental health, such as traumatic events, domestic violence or various forms of abuse.

Competence and skills

• Provide a basic-level account of treatment interventions aimed at children with developmental deviations or mental illness, including children who have been exposed to or witnessed domestic violence or other traumas.

Judgement and approach

• Be guided in their work by an understanding of human rights for children, youth, and adults, in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

## Content

• Violence in close relationships should be understood and analysed from various theoretical perspectives, taking into account the individual, group and societal levels.

• Account for and critically examine explanatory models, assessment, and treatment methods for post-traumatic stress or other severe mental illnesses related to prolonged exposure to neglect, lack of care, abuse, violence in close relationships, or sexual abuse.

## **References:**

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