

Minutes

Subject	Meeting in the Study Board for Public Health	23 June 2026
Date/time of meeting	9 June 2026 at 14.00 - 16.00	
Location	Online via Teams. Members can access the meeting via the link in the invitation. Other interested parties may contact LA to request access.	sn-fsv@health.sdu.dk T 6550 7565
Invited participants	<i>Members:</i> Lau Caspar Thygesen (LCT), Gabriele Berg-Beckhoff (GBB), Marie Broholm-Holst (MBH), Charlotte Overgaard (CO), Carlota Balaguer Llados (CBL) <i>Optional:</i> Signe de Place Knudsen <i>Others:</i> Louise Aalborg (LA) – Study coordinator	
Regrets		
Agenda circulated for information to		
Meeting Chair	Charlotte Overgaard	
Minutes prepared by	Louise Aalborg	
Links to materials	Meeting materials, agenda, and minutes: SharePoint Applications: SAGA via Google Chrome, Edge or Firefox.	

- Implementering i teori og praksis (3,92, 46,43%)
- Evidensbaseret sundhedspolitik (4,12, 61,54%)

Follow-up notes from following courses were discussed at the Study Board meeting in May:

- Sundhedsøkonomi
- Sundhedsforskning om børn og unge

Attachments

- The evaluations can be found via [Eval](#).
- Attachment 1 Offentlig sundhedsforvaltning - opfølgingsnotat.
- Attachment 2 Anvendt biostatistik – opfølgingsnotat.

Action Points

The Study Board discusses the follow-up notes from Offentlig sundhedsforvaltning and Anvendt Biostatistik and decides whether they can be approved.

Decision

Follow-up notes are approved. Both courses are doing a great job.

5. Curriculum, course descriptions (§18, Subsection 4, No. 2)

Discussion of the minimum page requirement for the Master's Thesis

Case presentation

Based on the inquiry of Amalie Timmermann regarding the minimum page requirement for a quantitative Master's thesis/scientific article, recurring challenges have been observed in meeting the minimum requirement of 40 pages. According to the [course description](#), the following requirements apply to the thesis:

“If the master's thesis is written as a monography, the minimum amount of pages is 40 pages and the maximum 90 (120 standard pages when two students write together).

If written as a scientific article, the paper should follow a specific journal requirements. The article and the additional text ('ramme') should be minimum 40 standard pages (60 pages when two students write together).”

There are repeated instances of students who “are able to express themselves concisely and precisely” and who consequently feel compelled to add superfluous text merely to comply with formal requirements.

Clarification is therefore requested on the following points:

- The rationale for the 40-page minimum requirement.
- Whether the minimum requirement can be removed or changed to something else.
- If a student meets all learning objectives with only 30–35 pages of written text, why write more?

Action Points

The study board discusses the minimum page requirement and decides whether to make changes.

Attachments

- Attachment 3 inquiry from Amalie Timmermann

Case discussion

The Study Board discussed pros and cons due to the inquiry by Amalie Timmermann but also discussed the general aspects of it and the consequences of having a minimum page requirement. Some theses will have issues in reaching the minimum page requirement, for example theses within epidemiology. The Study Board concluded at the same time the importance of still having a maximum page requirement.

Decision

The Study Board decided to keep the maximum of 90 pages for one student and 120 pages for two students no matter the format, and to remove the minimum page requirement regarding the master's thesis.

**6. Other matters
(§18, Subsection
4, No. 5)**

**7. Applications from
students (§ 18,
Subsection 4, no. 4)**

Applications from students can be accessed via SAGA - <https://saga.sdu.dk/>