



## Welcome to the course "HIV – with the individual in focus from a global perspective"!

### ROLL CALL

**Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 18.00 there is a mandatory roll call** at Karolinska Institutet in [lecture hall Karolina](#), floor 2 in Widerströmska huset, Tomtebodavägen 18a, 171 65 Solna, **for everyone who wants to take the course, i.e. not only already admitted but also all reserves are warmly welcome to participate then!** There is usually room for everyone who is interested, so it is important that everyone who does not want to take the course declines their place (i.e. not just does not show up!). For everyone who wishes to take the course, it is important to attend **the roll call at 18:00** to avoid missing the first lecture, which starts immediately after the roll call at approximately 18:15 and continues until 21:00.

**PLEASE NOTE! ROLL CALL AND COURSE START will take place on Wednesday, 21 January 2026. All subsequent classes will be held on Thursdays, once a week, from 29 January to 29 March 2026.**

### OBJECTIVE

To learn more about HIV from an international sociobiological perspective and analyse the role of both the individual and the environment/society in terms of the spread of infection and risk-taking, responsibility and rights, and how these vary with knowledge, attitudes, sexuality, gender and social situation. The course covers facts about HIV and AIDS, infection prevention, Swedish and global trends, migration, addiction, history and treatment, but also the latest from the research front on vaccines and cure and prevention. We also discuss HIV from a broader perspective: human rights, ethical/philosophical dilemmas and global priorities, and conclude with personal experiences of what it can be like to live with HIV.

### KNOWLEDGE LEVEL

General course at A-level, which means that some participants may have a lot of knowledge through, for example, personal commitment or work with HIV, while others have no background at all in the subject.

### EXAMINATION & COURSE EVALUATION

Examination takes place through **compulsory attendance** (you may miss a maximum of 2 occasions unless special circumstances such as sudden illness occur) and **an online exam where you** will be asked some questions on topics related to the different perspectives that the course has touched on. Course evaluation takes place via the web.

### LITERATURE

Please read the UNAIDS website, where many interesting publications can be found:

<http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/publications>, [www.unaids.org/en/resources/fact-sheet](http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/fact-sheet). In particular, UNAIDS' latest report <https://www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2025/2025-global-aids-update>

Of great importance for the epidemic going forward are the expected significant consequences of the large cuts in international aid in 2025, which UNAIDS has analyzed <https://www.unaids.org/en/impact-US-funding-cuts>

And more data is available e.g. on this website: <https://pepfar.impactcounter.com>

In addition, current articles, powerpoints and reading tips will be handed out in connection with the lectures.

### PLACE

Lectures will take place on site either at Karolinska Institutet, Widerströmska huset, Tomtebodavägen 18a, 171 65 Solna or at Positiva Gruppen [Östermalmsgatan 5, Stockholm](#) T-bana stop: KTH. Bus: Odengatan. More information will come closer to course start. Only the exam is online.

### TIME

Every Thursday evening during the period 21 January to 26 March 2026 at 18.00-21.00. If the lectures will take place at [Östermalmsgatan 5, Stockholm](#), and if the front door is locked, we will keep a watch out at the door until about 5 minutes before the start of each lecture. The exam takes place online 26 March at 18.00-21.00. The schedule will be available on the open [course web](#) at the latest 7 January. A preliminary schedule will be available 22-23 December.

### QUESTIONS? COURSE COORDINATOR & CONTACT INFORMATION:

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### WELCOME!