



Faculty of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT
Working Life Science

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT on 8 June 2010, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2010 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: AVAD88

Working Life Science - Master's thesis (one year), 15 ECTS Credits

(Arbetsvetenskap - Magisteruppsats, 15 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1E (Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits))

Language of Instruction

The language of instruction is Swedish, but some components may be taught in English.

Prerequisites

Upper secondary school level Swedish B/Swedish as a Second Language B and English A, or the equivalent. Working Life Science, 90 ECTS Credits, including the course Research Methods within Working Life Science (AVAD87), or the equivalent.

Major Field of Study

ABA (Working Life Science)

Learning Outcomes

The objective of the course is to advance the students' knowledge of and training in independently conducting research scientifically and critically reviewing other research. Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

Knowledge and Understanding

- give an account of the approaches and theories used in both their own studies and those of others.

Skills and Abilities

- plan and conduct empirical studies
- present the results of their studies in accordance with scientific guidelines.

Evaluative Ability and Approach

- defend and motivate their own research
- critically evaluate their own research and that of others.

Content and Form of Instruction

During the course, students will independently plan and conduct an empirical study under supervision and present the results in a thesis. The thesis will then be ventilated in a seminar.

The course is a collaboration with the University of Borås, University of Gothenburg, and Halmstad University, which means that some lectures and seminars might be located outside Karlstad. In addition, part of the course may be in the form of distance learning.

Supervision is only offered to students while the course is in progress. Students who fail to complete the project satisfactorily during this time may re-register at the next course opportunity. They will then be offered additional supervision to the extent made possible by available resources.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

The courses is examined as the students' present their theses, orally and in writing, defend their theses, and by serving as opponent on the thesis of a fellow student, as well as through active participation in the other seminars. The number of examination opportunities is limited to five.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G), or Distinction (VG) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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