



Faculty of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT
Information Systems

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT on 7 December 2011, and is valid from the Spring semester of 2012 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: ISAD13

Information Systems - One-year Master's Thesis, 15 ECTS Credits

(Informatik - Magisteruppsats, 15 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

The language of instruction is English if so required by international student or teachers. If not, instruction is in Swedish.

Prerequisites

Upper Secondary English course B or equivalent. Bachelor's Degree including Information Systems 90 ECTS cr. or equivalent. At least 30 of these 90 ECTS cr. must be earned in basic level courses that have at least 60 ECTS cr. as prerequisites.

Major Field of Study

IKA (Information Systems)

Learning Outcomes

The aim of the course is that students develop high skills in carrying out a project in Information Systems, with more advanced theoretical and methodological frame and application compared with the Bachelor's degree project.

Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

- plan and carry out an academic study with a detailed theory and methodological discussion and clear account of its relation to current research in the chosen area
- analyse collected data in relation to relevant theory for the chosen problem
- structure reports to achieve internal coherence between different parts of the report and to clarify its contribution to at least national research.

Content and Form of Instruction

The students carry out a qualified essay project displaying sound knowledge of subject and methods as well as meeting the criteria of science discussed in the course.

Instruction is in the form of supervision. 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

Examination is based on the essay, the seminar presentation and defence, and on the quality of the student's discussion of a fellow-student's essay.

The number of examination opportunities is limited to five.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) 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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