



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Economics
Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences on 12 March 2013, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2013 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: NEAD07

**Economics - Master's Thesis (one year), 15.0 ECTS Credits
(Nationalekonomi - Magisteruppsats, 15.0 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 English if non-Swedish speaking students or teachers participate in the course. If not, instruction is in Swedish.

Prerequisites

Economics 90 ECTS Credits. At least 30 of these 90 ECTS credits must be earned in basic level courses that have at least 60 ECTS credits as prerequisites. The courses NEGB13 Microeconomics 7,5 ECTS Credits, NEGB14 Macroeconomics 7,5 ECTS Credits, NEGC16 Applied Econometrics 7,5 ECTS Credits and NEGC04 Economics - Bachelor's thesis 15 ECTS Credits or equivalent must be included. Upper Secondary English B, English 6 or equivalent.

Major Field of Study

NAA (Economics)

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- apply relevant scientific methodology on a selected topic/problem,
- compile the results of their investigation in a report and defend it in a seminar discussion and
- apply the acquired theoretical knowledge as they analyse and critically evaluate scientific reports in general and other students' reports in particular.

Content and Form of Instruction

The course comprises two sections. In section one, the students carry out a scientific research project with the guidance of an appointed supervisor. In the second section, there will be a series of seminars in which the students will defend their own reports, act as opponent to another student's report, and take active part in the discussions of the reports written by other students.

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.

The course literature is decided upon in consultation with the supervisor.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Examination is in the form of writing and defending a degree project, acting as opponent to another student's project, and taking active part in at least three additional examination seminars. Two students (max.) may collaborate on a Master thesis, provided that both students wrote the Bachelor thesis individually and that the individual contribution to the Master thesis is clearly identified for assessment. 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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