



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Economics

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences on 3 September 2014, and is valid from the Spring semester of 2015 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: NEAD08

**Economics - Degree project Master of Science in Business and Economics, 30.0 ECTS Credits
(Nationalekonomi - Examensarbete civilekonom, 30.0 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

English or Swedish

Prerequisites

At least 150 ECTS cr for the programme Master of Science in Business and Economics (SACEK) with a specialisation in economics or financial economy or equivalent, alternatively at least 30 ECTS cr for the Master programme in economics (SANEC-CPNE)

Major Field of Study

NAA (Economics)

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- demonstrate indepth knowledge and understanding of the degree project area in economics,
- identify and formulate relevant research questions in economics,
- critically assess academic methods,
- acquire, compile and structure academic literature,
- carry out a research thesis in economics based on an appropriate method and knowledge acquired from master level courses,
- given an account of relevant societal aspects of the independent project and research in economics,
- identify their need for further knowledge in the research area based on previous research and their own thesis project, and
- communicate the results of their own thesis, and
- review the scholarly works of others.

Content and Form of Instruction

Course content can be summarised in five components:

1. Lectures on academic writing and theory of science. Students choose a topic in consultation with their supervisor.
2. Authoring a knowledge survey of the thesis topic/issues, discussed at a mandatory mid-seminar.

3. Writing the thesis.
4. Thesis discussed at final seminar. Students act as peer reviewer of a fellow-students thesis (mandatory)
5. Final submission of thesis and an attachment stating how comments at the final seminar have been dealt with in the submitted version.

Supervision is provided for the duration of the course. Students reregistering to complete the thesis in a later semester are offered supervision only if circumstances permit.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an independent thesis project, presented and defended at a seminar, and on active participation at the mid-seminar. Each student must review a fellow-student's thesis. The number of examinations 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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