



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Economics

## Syllabus

### Economics - two-year master thesis

<b>Course Code:</b>	NEAD09
<b>Course Title:</b>	Economics - two-year master thesis <i>Självständigt arbete i nationalekonomi - master</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	30
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits) (A2E)

**Major Field of Study:**  
NAA (Economics)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2026-01-20, and is valid from the Spring semester 2027 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

A bachelor-level degree of at least 180 credits with Economics as the main field of study, and at least 45 credits in Economics at the A1N level or higher. Alternatively, at least 90 credits within the Master Programme in Applied Economics and Advanced Analytical Methods (SANEC).

In addition, upper secondary level English 6 or English level 2. An equivalence assessment can be made.

#### Learning Outcomes

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

1. demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding by completing an independent project within a chosen area of economics,
2. identify and formulate research questions in economics,
3. critically evaluate scientific methods,
4. summarise scientific literature and relate it to specific research questions,
5. carry out an independent, research-oriented study in economics using an appropriate scientific method,
6. give an account of relevant societal aspects,
7. identify needs for further study within a defined economic research area,
8. orally and in writing communicate the findings of their own scientific work, and
9. act as peer-reviewer on the work of other students.

#### Content

The course consists of five components.

Part 1: Lectures on academic writing and the philosophy of science. In consultation with the supervisor, the student selects a topic for the thesis.

Part 2: Writing of a literature review related to the thesis topic/research question, followed by a seminar discussion in a mid-way review (mandatory attendance).

Part 3: Writing of the thesis.

Part 4: Seminar where the thesis is discussed, and where the student also act as peer-reviewer on the work of another student (mandatory attendance).

Part 5: Final presentation/submission of the thesis, together with a document explaining how comments from the final

seminar have been addressed in the final version.

Supervision is offered during the semester in which the course is running. If a student re-registers for a later semester, supervision is subject to available resources.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

All learning outcomes are assessed partly through an independent project, which is discussed in a seminar, and partly through performing as peer-reviewer.

The number of assessment opportunities is limited to five.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to Targeted Study Support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

**Grades**

One of the grades VG (Pass with Distinction), G (Pass), or U (Fail) 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 evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

**Course Certificate**

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

**Additional information**

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