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Faculty of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT  
Economics

## Syllabus

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT on 16 May 2007, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2007 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** NEGB21

**Labour economics, 7.5 ECTS Credits**

**(Arbetsmarknadens ekonomi, 7.5 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Bachelor

**Progression Level:** B

### Language of Instruction

The language of instruction is usually Swedish unless students or teachers are non-Swedish speakers, in which case the course is taught in English.

### Prerequisites

Economics I, 30 credits

### Major Field of Study

Economics

### Aims

The aim of the course is that the students should acquire in-depth knowledge of labour economics, building on the theoretical knowledge acquired in previous courses.

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

- apply economic theory on current problems relating to the labour market, and at the same time view these economic conditions and insights within a cross-disciplinary context,
- analyse and assess the various conditions of the labour market in Sweden and other countries, and critically analyse economic conditions and developmental trends, and
- understand and discuss statistics, surveys, and research papers in the field of labour economics.

### Course Content

The course covers the theory and empirics of:

- The supply of and the demand for labour
- Wage formation
- Education, the labour market, and wages
- Gender differences on the labour market
- Causes and consequences of unemployment
- Labour market policy

In the empirical part of the course, special emphasis is given to conditions and institutions of the Swedish labour market, and comparisons are made with conditions and institutions in other countries.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and student presentations of selected course literature in the seminars.

### Reading List

See separate document.

### Examination

Examination is in the form of a final exam and student presentations of selected course literature in the seminars.

### 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 undergraduate studies at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.