



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Economics
Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences on 19 April 2013, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2014 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: NEGC04

Economics - Bachelor's Thesis, 15.0 ECTS Credits

(Nationalekonomi - Kandidatuppsats, 15.0 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

Progressive Specialisation: G2E (First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree proj. for B.A./B.Sc.)

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 60 ECTS or including Econometrics NEGB22 7,5 ECTS or or equivalent plus additional courses totalling at least 22,5 ECTS or at the G1F level.

Major Field of Study

NAA (Economics)

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- give an account for and assess various scientific research methods,
- conduct an independent and critical analysis of selected problems in the field,
- apply relevant scientific methodology on a selected topic/problem in an investigation of their own,
- give an account for and discuss information, problems and solutions within Economics in oral and written form and
- critically review and discuss others work.

Content and Form of Instruction

The course consists of three parts. In the first part of the course, students attend classes on research methods. In this part, students learn about methods for writing scientific essays and discuss the basics of the theory of science. In the second part of the course, students work independently on their essays under the guidance of an appointed supervisor. The third part of the course consists of a series of seminars during which students defend their own degree projects, act as opponent for another student's project, and participate actively in the seminar discussions of projects submitted by other students on the course.

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 consists of writing and defending a degree project, acting as opponent for another student's project, taking active part in three additional examination seminars and a written exam. Two students (max) may collaborate on a Bachelor thesis, provided that the individual contribution to the 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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