



Faculty of Arts and
Social Sciences

Dnr HS 2013/180

Summary of course evaluation

(Do not use this form for courses within the teacher education)

Summaries for spring term courses should be signed, registered and published before 15 September. For summer and autumn semester courses the equivalent date is 15 March.

Information about the course opportunity

Code ISAD12	Name Scientific Theory and Methodology		Credits 7,5 ECTS cr.
Semester Autumn 2013	Number of registered students 2	Type of course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campus <input type="checkbox"/> Distance <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Internet platform <input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It's learning <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Registration code 21229			
Course coordinator Odd Fredriksson		Examiner John Sören Pettersson	

Information about the course evaluation

Date 2014-01-20	Number of answers 1	Method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer <input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Oral	Summary made by Odd Fredriksson
<p>Strengths of the course according to the students</p> <p>Q1: What are your main impressions from this course? “- Best course I have taken at KaU during my exchange semester (four courses in total) - Knowledgeable, experienced, supportive and nice teacher - Welcoming and professional attitude of Karlstad-based companies towards research and students from abroad - Emphasis on research that is meaningful to practice.”</p> <p>Q2: What individual knowledge acquired/lessons learned have you gained from participating in this course? “- Introduction to research theory and tools of the trade in information systems (IS) research - Experience of writing a scientific research report in the style of a scientific journal paper - Synergy effects with ISAD11: ISAD11 articles could be leveraged in the ISAD12 examination paper, better understanding of ISAD11 papers because of methodical research background conveyed in ISAD12 - Insights into Swedish working life and business culture.”</p> <p>Q3: What has been the best with participating in this course? “- Bringing together my theoretical IS knowledge and practical experience with scientific theory/methodology and real-world empirical data in one research paper - Very supportive supervision of the final examination paper by the teacher. It facilitated the previous bullet point. - Cooperation with Karlstad-based companies.”</p> <p>Q8: Do you want to recommend this course to others? Why? Why not?</p>			

<p>"I highly recommend this course to other students. Key benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content is highly relevant for a master thesis and scientific work beyond - Opportunity to connect theory with practice - Very good support for the final examination paper - Get in touch with companies." <p>The Student Union's two compulsory questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perceived overall quality of the course on a scale between 1 (very low) and 5 (very high): 5. 2. Perceived work load on a scale between 1 (very low) and 5 (very high): 4.
<p>Weaknesses of the course according to the students</p> <p>"Since ISs are sociotechnical systems in a Business context and the course literature (Bryman 2012 - social research methods) focuses on research in social sciences, not all sub-chapters and examples seem to be relevant for information systems research. The epistemology of positivism, which is often applied in IS research, is not dealt with in detail. Perhaps the similar book "Bryman and Bell 2011 - Business research methods" is a bit better in this regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce the volume of the assignments slightly so that students can focus earlier on the final examination paper - Attract more students to the course."
<p>Analysis of the evaluation results</p> <p>High satisfaction with the course.</p>
<p>Measures planned</p> <p>Continue with the course design.</p>
<p>Measures taken</p>
<p>How was feedback given to the students?</p> <p>Via the course page.</p>
<p>Further information</p> <p>The course is part of the Master Programme in Information Systems (SAINF). The course is open for Business Administration and Information Systems students (60 ECTS cr. or equivalent).</p>

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