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Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

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## Syllabus

### **PFG0033 Scientific Writing, 3.0 credits**

#### **Syllabus approved**

2008-05-21

#### **Subjects**

History/Philosophy

#### **Education cycle**

Third cycle

#### **Grading scale**

Pass / Failed

The requirements for attaining different grades are described in the course assessment criteria which are contained in a supplement to the course syllabus. Current information on assessment criteria shall be made available at the start of the course.

#### **Language**

English

#### **Prior knowledge**

Admitted to Ph.D. studies.

#### **Objective, including learning outcomes**

To improve the theoretical knowledge and practical skills involved in writing manuscripts for scientific peer review in international journals.

**Content**

Major focus will be placed on teaching basic writing skills, particularly on how to write clear and concise sentences, paragraphs and sections. The course will stress that scientific writing is an acquired skill that can be learned. Lectures will provide detailed instructions on how to structure and format each section of a scientific manuscript (justifying the IMRAD format). The class will integrate theory and practice. Directly after each theory session, students will be given practical writing tasks that correspond with the associated manuscript section and that are based on data and results provided in class. Constructive feedback and analysis of these texts will be given during the first lecture the following day before moving on to the next section. In addition to the direct practical training in writing, this setup will also provide the students with a set of tools for the essential text analysis and editing needed to produce a submission ready manuscript.

**Requirements for examination**

Only pass or fail will be given. A pass will require attendance and the completion of course tasks.

**Additional information****Responsible department**

Faculty of Forest Sciences