

PFG0057, Scientific Writing, 7.5 Hp

Syllabus

Valid from: 2018V

Level within study regulation:

Third cycle

Subject:

- Biology

Grading scale:

Pass / Failed

Course language:

Swedish

Entry requirements:

Admitted to Ph.D. studies. Access to a manuscript in preparation.

Objectives:

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

Content:

Major focus will be placed on basic writing skills, particularly on how to write clear and concise sentences, paragraphs and sections. The course will provide the students with a set of tools for the essential text analysis and editing needed to produce a submission

ready manuscript. Lectures will also 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 work on the associated manuscript section via a teaching platform. Weekly assignments will be required in two primary areas: short writings specific to the studied section and analysis of model sentences and paragraphs. Weekly feedback will be provided on the short writings. By the end of the course, students will have individualized editing sheets of their most common problems and a course-created dictionary specific to their fields.

Modes of assessment:

Only pass or fail will be given. A pass will require attendance and the completion of course tasks. - If a student has failed an examination, the examiner has the right to issue supplementary assignments. This applies if it is possible and there are grounds to do so.

- The examiner can provide an adapted assessment to students entitled to study support for students with disabilities following a decision by the university. Examiners may also issue an adapted examination or provide an alternative way for the students to take the exam.
- If this syllabus is withdrawn, SLU may introduce transitional provisions for examining students admitted based on this syllabus and who have not yet passed the course.
- For the assessment of an independent project (degree project), the examiner may also allow a student to add supplemental information after the deadline for submission. Read more in the Education Planning and Administration Handbook.

Organisation:

Department of Wildlife, Fish, & Environmental Studies

Supplementary information

Other information:

- The right to participate in teaching and/or supervision only applies for the course instance the student was admitted to and registered on.
- If there are special reasons, students are entitled to participate in components with compulsory attendance when the course is given again. Read more in the Education Planning and Administration Handbook.