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Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

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Syllabus

PNG0082 Scientific Writing for PhD Students, 3.0 credits

Syllabus approved

2019-02-28

Subjects

Other Social Science

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

Enrolled as a PhD student

Objective, including learning outcomes

The objective of the course is to provide detailed guidelines for preparing a research paper using own research material that may be part of a PhD thesis or independent work. Special emphasis will be placed on papers in social sciences.

On completion of the course, the student will have improved his/her ability in:

- writing different types of research papers, such as theoretical papers, empirical papers, literature review papers, research notes and comments;
- demonstrating capacity to choose the appropriate outlet for his/her research work;
- preparing the manuscript for the chosen outlet;
- identifying, analyzing and critically reflecting on scientific papers through replying to referees/editor comments and suggestions and revising accordingly his/her manuscript.
- improving the quality of a scientific manuscript

Content

The course is built on lectures and own material and the topics to be covered are divided into four parts:

- Writing an essay/paper
- Plagiarism rules
- Submission stage
- Manuscript revision

The first part will focus on the individual elements and sections of a research paper starting from its title, abstract, keywords, possible acknowledgements and moving to introduction, the main body of the paper consisting of the theoretical or conceptual model, the empirical model, description of data, analysis of results, the conclusions, the references, footnotes, and tables and graphs. The context of these sections will be given for different types of papers, such as theoretical papers, empirical papers, literature review papers, notes and comments. This will be practiced in PhD students own manuscript.

The second part will deal with the problem of plagiarism and will present and discuss plagiarism rules

The third part will provide general guidelines for first selecting the appropriate outlet/journal for submitting a research paper and then for preparing the manuscript by effectively utilizing author guide information regarding presentation style

The last part will focus on the process of revising and resubmitting a manuscript by providing guidelines for preparing response letters to referees and editor(s) as well as revising the manuscript itself.

Requirements for examination

Preparation and presentation of a manuscript of a research paper that will be judged by its context and not its originality

Additional information

Application to the course should be sent to the coordinator of the research school SSPSD Nina Lind, nina.lind@slu.se be written in English and include:

- name, affiliation, full address, e-mail and phone number
- name and affiliation of PhD supervisor
- short description of PhD project (0,5-1 page)

This course is offered by the research school Social Science Perspectives on Sustainable Development, an umbrella organization between the Department of Economics and the Department of Urban and Rural Development.

Responsible department

Department of Economics