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Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

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## Syllabus

**PNS0065 Upgrading Your Ecological Toolbox, 3.0 credits**

## Syllabus approved

2010-03-23

## Subjects

Biology

## 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

Students should be active PhD students within the research area Ecology. Priority will be given to students that are directed to the graduate school 'Ecology - it's basics and applications'. Students should read the book "How to do Ecology" by Karban and Huntzinger as a preparation for the course.

**Objective, including learning outcomes**

The course is designed to improve the thinking and research skills of graduate students in Ecology.

**Content**

The course consists of three full-day workshops focusing on the following questions: (1) How do ecologists think?; (2) What can ecologists do to enhance the creativity of their work?; (3) What are the requirements of a strong research project in ecology?

The format is highly interactive and students are encouraged to bring any portion of their own research that they have available to work on at each meeting.

**Requirements for examination**

Students will be examined by being "forced" to actively take part in the workshops. Students that despite this show little activity during the workshops will be examined by written examination that is individually designed to examine specific parts of the course.

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

Department of Ecology