

Syllabus

BI1289.4 Dog and cat ethology, 7.5 credits

Hund- och kattetologi

Version 4 in Slukurs. Corresponds to version 4 in Ladok

Syllabus approved

26 January 2017

The version applies to students admitted from spring 2022

The version is a module version

Subjects

Biology

Education cycle

First cycle

Modules

Title	Code	Credits
Dog and cat ethology, theory	0402	4.0
Dog and cat ethology examination	0403	3.5

Advanced study in the main field

First cycle, entry requirements only from upper secondary school (G1N)

Grading scale

5:Pass with Distinction, 4:Pass with Credit, 3:Pass, U:Fail

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

Swedish

Prior knowledge

Knowledge equivalent to general entry requirements for higher education.

Objectives

The aim of the course is to provide knowledge of the behaviours and needs of dogs and cats as well as how to satisfy these in the best possible way. On completion of the course, the student should be able to: - account for the evolutionary background of the dog and the cat - describe and account for the species-specific behaviours and behavioural needs of the dog and the cat in the local environments of people - account for underlying reasons for common problem behaviours and behavioural disorders of dogs and cats as well as how these can be prevented - understand and be able to apply ethological knowledge in maintenance and housing of dogs and cats - at a general level account for the animal welfare legislation that regulates the keeping of dogs and cats - under supervision review and discuss scientific and popular literature in dog and cat ethology - at a general level account for ethological methodology with respect to dogs and cats.

Content

The course gives an insight in the history of the dog and the cat, evolutionary origin, the behavioural adaptations that they have developed as well as the normal behaviours and behavioural needs of the dog and the cat. Training in searching, reading and discussing scientific literature is included in the course. The course covers underlying reasons for behavioural disorders and problem behaviours and how they can be prevented. Further, the course highlights human-animal interactions and animal welfare with relevant legislation. The course is carried out at distance with two compulsory weekend gatherings (Sat-Sun) at SLU in Skara. Apart from lectures e g compulsory seminars, exercises and project work are included.

Formats and requirements for examination

Passed written and oral presentations and passed individual project work as well as approved participation in compulsory components.

- If the student fails a test, the examiner may give the student a supplementary assignment, provided this is possible and there is reason to do so.
- If the student has been granted special educational support because of a disability, the examiner has the right to offer the student an adapted test, or provide an alternative assessment.
- If changes are made to this course syllabus, or if the course is closed, SLU shall decide on transitional rules for examination of students admitted under this syllabus but who have not yet passed the course.
- For the examination of a degree project (independent project), the examiner may also allow the student to add supplemental information after the deadline. For more information on this, please refer to the regulations for education at Bachelor's and Master's level.

Additional information

The course is designed as a distance course with two physical meetings with the emphasis placed on distance education. It is a necessity that the student has access to a computer and possibility to Internet connection. The course is given over a semester (part-time). A large part of the reading list is in English.

- The right to take part in teaching and/or supervision only applies to the course date to which the student has been admitted and registered on.
- If there are special reasons, the student may take part in course components that require compulsory attendance at a later date. For more information on this, please refer to the regulations for education at Bachelor's and Master's level.

Responsible department

Department of Animal Environment and Health

Supplementary Information

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Biology Area: Zoology

Course overlap: BI0956

Replacement course: BI0956