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## Syllabus

**PFS0073 PhD Course in Nordic Forest Governance, 7.5 credits**

## Syllabus approved

2011-02-28

## Subjects

Forest Management

## 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

To be admitted as PhD student in the field of Forest/Nature Resource Management, Economics, Rural Development or Social Sciences

## Objective, including learning outcomes

The course has the primary objective of providing students in forest sciences and related fields and social sciences alike with an understanding of the different

levels and mechanisms that constitute forest governance. The focus will be placed on Nordic forestry, but within the context of multi-use forest systems. Forest governance will be viewed from a basis in international governmental and market-based steering mechanisms, national and lower-level legislation, implementation and other initiatives. After completing the course, students should be able to:

- Recognize regional (Nordic), and global forest structures, including resources, actors and processes on different levels
- Debate forest policy and economic issues in an international context, advocate own viewpoints
- Write reflective essays and present as well as conduct opposition in seminar form.

## **Content**

The course primarily deals with forest as a multi-use resource, how forest is different from or similar to other nature resources, aiming to place this development in the context of challenges of climate change and globalization. The course discusses the multi-level governance system for forestry including environmental monitoring systems: the UN/EU context, forest certification and international governmental forest governance measures and attempts; the national Swedish, Finnish and Nordic comparative context including multi-use forest legislation, regulation and taxation, and perspectives from major landowners/associations of landowners and forest industry; and the implementation and lower-level context including regional and local examples of conflicts and cooperation with, among others, reindeer herding and out-door recreation and tourism. In addition, the course will include discussion of how different areas in forest governance can be researched in different ways by the application of qualitative and quantitative methods. Seminars will be an integral part in all of these study components. The students will also present their work at a research seminar.

## **Requirements for examination**

Final exam in written essay form. Mandatory seminars on forest governance;  
Marking Scale: Pass / Failed Requirements for pass  
Successful completion of the course requires pass in the written examination and participation in the mandatory seminars.

## **Additional information**

**Responsible department**

Department of Forest Resource Management