

## Syllabus

### **EX0260.1 Bachelor thesis - Economics, 15.0 credits**

#### **Kandidatuppsats - nationalekonomi**

Version 1 in Slukurs. Corresponds to version 1 in Ladok

#### **Syllabus approved**

21 November 2006

The version applies to students admitted from autumn 2007 to spring 2008

The version is not a module version

#### **Subjects**

Economics

#### **Education cycle**

First cycle

#### **Modules**

| Title         | Code | Credits |
|---------------|------|---------|
| Single module | 0101 | 15.0    |

#### **Advanced study in the main field**

#### **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**

Swedish

## Prior knowledge

Knowledge equivalent of 75 credits in Business Administration or Economics depending on the subject.

## Objectives

With successful completion of this course, students will have ability:

- to independently solve a problem based on using previously acquired knowledge,
- to acquire a subject-related specialization within the actual field of study and apply it in problem solving,
- to understand broadly and apply different theoretical and methodological assumptions,
- to identify and work with problems from different perspectives,
- to produce a scientific report, for example, being able to write in a correct, well structured and interesting way, and being able to make oral presentations of different types and also oppose on other scientific work.

## Content

Along with the independent work, the students will increase their arsenal of different tools to find, delimit, and investigate problems by constructing / using models and also collecting and analyzing data. In addition, the students will be given additional training in communicating the results in different ways.

The course contains the following issues that will be discussed jointly:

- Scientific research and investigative work
- Problem definition and investigation planning
- Quantitative investigations
- Qualitative investigations
- Methods of data acquisition
- Compilation and analysis of data
- Reporting (language use, outlines, references, illustrations, reference lists, etc.).

## Implementation

Lectures approx 15 hrs [obligatory]

Seminars approx 15hrs [obligatory]

Supervision approx 8 hrs

Scheduled project activities approx 10 hrs

Examination and evaluation approx 2 hrs  
 Individual study approx 355 hrs  
 Total approx 405 hrs

## **Examination**

### **Requirements for examination**

Examination is continuous as the class progresses by:

- participation in obligatory moments,
- present and defend an essay containing problem formulation, demarcation, aim, choice of method of data collecting and analysis and choice of literature and theory (project proposal),
- present and defend the thesis,
- opposition on a project proposal and thesis of another student,
- participation in at least three thesis seminars additionally.

The written report, which is composed by the student, has the greatest weight in this evaluation, but the methodology essay, presentation and defense of the thesis and essay and also evaluation and opinions of the other students' work are important.

For approved thesis work, the student will:

- write approved methodology essay and present and defend it at a methodology seminar,
- independently conduct a project on scientific grounds and present the findings in a thesis. The thesis is to be written in Swedish or English (with title and summary in English or Swedish).
- present and defend her own thesis at a (public) thesis seminar,
- act as an opponent on another student's methodology essay and thesis with consideration of the subject content as well as form,
- actively participant in additionally three thesis presentations,
- revise her own thesis by taking into account comments presented at the thesis seminar.

The examiner approves the thesis when it meets the scientific and reporting requirements.

The student that does not complete her thesis for presentation within the given time may return during the next reporting period for thesis work.

- 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 requirements also include advanced course(s) relevant to the subject area within which the thesis work is to be conducted.

Every student who writes a thesis is assigned a supervisor. The supervisor shall act as advisor, be inspirational, and promote discussion.

The thesis can be conducted for external clients and occasionally with external supervisors. There will always be an academic supervisor who is responsible for the scientific foundation of the work.

The thesis must be an independent project. Two or three students may collaborate by, e.g., treating different parts of a problem within a common field of study.

The thesis must be published in the SLU system of electronic publishing (Epsilon) and plagiarism are from January 1, 2008 checked in Urkund.

Rules for thesis work outside the country, etc. are found in the study guides for the respective educational programs.

- 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 Economics

**Supplementary Information**

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