



Sveriges lantbruksuniversitet  
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

# SLUkurs

## Syllabus

**PNG0029 Transdisciplinary research - potentials and challenges, 4.5 credits**

## Syllabus approved

2010-10-21

## 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

Accepted as a post-graduate student in landscape architecture, architecture or equivalent subject. Post-graduate students within the research school 'Architecture and Planning for the Urban Landscape' (APULA) will be given priority.

## **Objective, including learning outcomes**

The overall objective is to critically reflect upon the epistemological, theoretical and methodological character of trans-disciplinary research. On completion of the course, participants should have a critical understanding of the weakness and strengths, possibilities and constraints of a trans-disciplinary approach. Hence it is expected that participants will be able to better prepare, plan and operationalise within a research project of this character.

## **Content**

The course will contain lectures, discussions, and literature seminars. International renowned researchers will be invited to lecture and lead seminars.

Part 1 (1,5 credits). Individual reading of literature.

Part 2 (1,5 credit). Individual essays. Write a short essay (about 5 pages) on potentials and challenges in transdisciplinary research, based on literature and your own experiences. Indicate aspects of transdisciplinarity that you would like to discuss in the seminar.

Part 3 (1,5 credits). Lectures and seminars.

## **Requirements for examination**

Active participation during the intensive three days lectures and seminars including studies of literature and presentation and discussion of an individual task – in all three weeks full time work load (4,5 cred.)

## **Additional information**

Schedule 2010:

Apply no later than October 1.

Individual essays are to be submitted to the course coordinator no later than October 28.

Lectures and seminars will be on November 3 – 5 at the Department of Urban and Rural Development in Ultuna.

The final schedule for the course will be distributed on October 15

## **Responsible department**

Department of Urban and Rural Development