

## Syllabus

### **EX0536.1 Independent Project/Degree Project in Business Administration E, 30.0 credits**

#### **Independent Project/Degree Project in Business Administration E**

Version 1 in Slukurs. Corresponds to version 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Ladok

### **Syllabus approved**

5 November 2008

The version applies to students admitted from spring 2009 to spring 2014

The version is not a module version

### **Subjects**

Business Administration

### **Education cycle**

Second cycle

### **Modules**

| <b>Title</b>  | <b>Code</b> | <b>Credits</b> |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Single module | 0101        | 30.0           |

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

Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits) (A2E)

### **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

English

## Prior knowledge

Knowledge equivalent of 30 credits, advanced level D, within Business Administration.

Approved Bachelor thesis/Independent project in the first cycle or a Degree of Bachelor. Knowledge equivalent of English B from Upper Secondary School.

## Objectives

With successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- identify and work with problems from different perspectives
- understand and evaluate the different theoretical and methodological assumptions
- use previously acquired knowledge to independently solve a problem
- acquire a subject related specialization and apply it
- independently discover and formulate a problem, develop/use models to describe and handle the problem and collect relevant data in order to solve the problem
- evaluate the validity, reliability and generalization of the conclusions
- write in a correct, well-structured and interesting way which includes using references correctly
- make oral presentations and to 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:

- Problem formulation and structuring an scientific investigation
- Literature search
- Source critique, scientific writing (layout and writing format, disposition, references, illustrations etc.) and opposition
- Formulating an investigationplan containing problem analysis and motivated choices of delimitation, aim, theory, and method as well as an activity and time plan.

## **Implementation**

### **Scheduled activities**

Lectures

approx. 15 Hours

Compulsory

Lessons

approx. 15 Hours

Compulsory

Supervision and presentation of project work

approx. 20 Hours

Examination and evaluation

approx. 5 Hours

### **Individual studies, not scheduled**

Individual tasks

approx. 755 Hours

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### **Total**

**approx. 810 Hours**

## **Formats and requirements for examination**

Examination is continuous as the class progresses. The written report, which is composed by the student, has the greatest weight in this evaluation, but the investigation plan, 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 investigation plan and present and defend it at a seminar
- independently conduct a project on scientific grounds and present the findings in a thesis. The thesis is to be written in English.

- present and defend the thesis at a (public) thesis seminar
- act as an opponent on another student's investigation plan and thesis with consideration of the subject content as well as the form
- actively participate in three thesis presentations additionally
- revise the own thesis by taking into account comments presented at the thesis seminar

The examiner approves the thesis and grade the student's achievement and ability when the student has fulfilled the 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**

Every student who writes a thesis is assigned a supervisor for her work. 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. This means that every student will carry out the entire thesis process. Two or three students may collaborate e.g. by treating different parts of a problem within a common field of study.

The rules for theses conducted abroad etc. can be found in the study handbook of each study programme.

- 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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