

SLUkurs

Syllabus

PNG0011 Research methods - an introduction, 3.0 credits

Syllabus approved

2006-08-14

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

Registered doctoral student at SLU

Objective, including learning outcomes

To give an overview of different methodological approaches in relation to research questions posed within social sciences. Differences between qualitative and quantitative methods will be presented and discussed in general aspects as well as with reference to research within the cluster Landscape and Society.

Content

1. An introductory part of three lectures, presenting different methodological approaches and research questions in relation to ongoing research projects. The lectures will form a basis for the participants' design of their own research projects, which will be presented at the final seminar of the course (preliminary dates: November 1, 15 and 29, 09.00-13.00).
2. Based on the participants' reading of and reflection on the course literature we will discuss relevant methodological questions and problems together with the participants' tutors (preliminary dates: December 14, 09.00-13.00).
3. A final seminar where the participants present their own projects, including research questions, empirical basis and intended methodological approach. The presentations will be discussed and constructively criticized by experienced researchers and fellow participants. We will also discuss the roles and responsibilities of doctoral students and tutors in the continuing research process (preliminary date: January 24).

Requirements for examination

Through active participation (participation in all the five seminars is mandatory), and through oral and written presentations in connection with the different parts of the course.

Additional information

Location: Nanneson-rummet, Department of economics, SLU, Johan Brauners väg 3, Ultuna.

Responsible department

Department of Economics