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Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

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Syllabus

PLG0029 Research Design for PhD-students, 3.0 credits

Syllabus approved

2011-07-13

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

PhD-student

Objective, including learning outcomes

The aim of the course is to give an introduction and overview of different research strategies and methods in general as well as within the faculty. Quantitative and qualitative methods will be discussed and related to ongoing or planned research

projects as well as lectures and course literature.

On completion of the course, the postgraduate student will have more profound knowledge about research design and the possibilities and limits of different kind of research methods and strategies. In that way the student will be better prepared to design and perform their own research projects.

Content

The course will consist of lectures, seminars, group discussions, excursions and visits to the main research environments at the faculty. Lectures and seminars will be scheduled on full time (ca 9-16) at least four days each week. A detailed scheme will be available ca 1st of November.

The lectures will present and discuss fundamental aspects of research design within natural sciences as well as social science and the humanities. Quantitative methods (experimental designs, inquiries, statistical analysis) as well as qualitative methods (case-study methodology, grounded theory, narratives) will be discussed. Invited researchers will present their own work from a research design perspective. The homework consists of independent work, where course participants reflect and link their own postgraduate project to aspects of research design discussed in lectures, seminars and course literature. Course participants' independent work will be discussed during a concluding seminar.

Requirements for examination

Active participation in lectures and seminars. Presentation of an individual paper consisting of critical reflections of a selected scientific article in relation to own postgraduate project. Write a short paper with a critical discussion on the course literature. Critical assessment of papers presented by the other course participants.

Additional information

Coursetime: 28.11 - 9.12.2011 in Alnarp

Latest day for registration: 31st of October. Send mail to Mattias.Qvistrom@slu.se if you want to participate.

Responsible department

Faculty of Landscape Architecture, Horticulture and Crop Production Science