



## Syllabus

### **EX0423.1 Independent project/degree project Economics D, 30.0 credits**

#### **Självständigt arbete i nationalekonomi D**

Version 1 in Slukurs. Corresponds to version 1 in Ladok

#### **Syllabus approved**

28 February 2008

The version applies to students admitted from spring 2008 to autumn 2010

The version is not a module version

#### **Subjects**

Economics

#### **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 (60 credits) (A1E)

#### **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**

Swedish

**Prior knowledge**

-

**Objectives**

Upon completion of the thesis, the student will have ability to:

- use previously acquired knowledge in order to independently solve a problem
- acquire a subject-related specialization within the actual field of study
- acquire an understanding for the different theoretical and methodological assumptions
- identify and work with problems from different perspectives
- discover and formulate a problem, construct / utilize models in order to describe and handle the problem, collect relevant data and solve the problem, i.e., to have developed his/her scientific methodology
- write in a correct, well-structured and interesting way, and being able to make oral presentations of different types and also present an opposition, i.e., to communicate in a scientific way.

**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**

The main part of the course consists of independent work. The classes consist of guidance, lectures, and seminars.

Guidance, 10 hours (individually and in groups)

Lectures and seminars about scientific theory, research and investigative methodology, and presentation methods, ca. 36 hours (compulsory)

Report seminars, 12 hours (mandatory)

## **Examination**

### **Requirements for examination**

Examination is continuous as the class progresses. The written thesis, 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 trial seminar and at a (public) thesis seminar
- act as an opponent on another student's methodology essay, work material, 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**

Prerequisites 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.

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

The thesis course is conducted every term with a reporting period at the end of that term.

The thesis must be completed in accordance with the applicatory rules.

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

If non Swedish-speaking student participate in the course, a major part of the teaching is conducted in English. Otherwise the course is given in Swedish.

- 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**

*Finalized by:* Utbildningsnämnden, Fakulteten för naturresurser och lantbruksvetenskap

*Replacement course:* EX0267