



## Syllabus

**UU0054.1 Field work (contract education), 15.0 credits**

**Field work (uppdragsutbildning)**

Version 1 in Slukurs. Corresponds to version 1 in Ladok

## Syllabus approved

30 October 2008

The version applies to students admitted from autumn 2008 to autumn 2011

The version is not a module version

## Subjects

Environmental science

## Education cycle

Second cycle

## Modules

Title	Code	Credits
Single module	0101	15.0

## Advanced study in the main field

## 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**

The equivalent of 180 Higher University Credits (credits) whereof 90 credits in one of the subjects biology, agriculture, forestry, nature conservation or equivalent.

## **Objectives**

After completed course module the student shall be able to:

- Organize, conduct and structure sufficient scientific fieldwork.

## **Content**

The course includes organising, performing and structuring the field work connected to the master thesis research work. The field work shall be implemented in accordance to the project plan written by the student during the course 'Scientific writing, research design and methods'. The main goal is to collect sufficient and relevant data that can be analyzed in the master thesis project to be able to answer the research question/s stated in the project plan. During the conduct of the research project, the division of time between field work and other activities will be in accordance to a work programme, which is to be approved by the supervisor [and/or director of studies].

The students will produce a short field work report. The fieldwork report concerns the conduct of the student's field research.

In the report the student should compare their research plan with what they did in practice. The report should be both reflective (what went well and what did not, what changes were needed & why) and descriptive (what types and quantities of data were collected – amounts, samples, surveys, transects, etc). This will assist the students in the writing of the methods section of their thesis and the assignment could form a substantial part of that section.

## **Implementation**

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

Written exercises

approx. 40 Hours

Compulsory

Field work

approx. 360 Hours

Compulsory

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### **Total**

**approx. 400 Hours**

### **Formats and requirements for examination**

Examination is made both in a short fieldwork report and as part of the individual written thesis and presentation of the thesis at a public defence at the end of year two.

The written fieldwork report has to be approved, and as such it has to provide sufficient information to the supervisor and the examiner to be able to decide that the student has performed a sufficient scientific fieldwork.

- 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**

The division of time between field work and other activities depends on a work programme for the research project which is to be approved by the supervisor and/or director of studies

- 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**

Swedish Biodiversity Centre

**Supplementary Information**

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