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Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

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Syllabus

PLG0001 Communication aspects of Urban Forestry & Urban Greening, 6.0 credits

Syllabus approved

2005-01-25

Subjects

Landscape Planning

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

The course is intended for Ph.D.-students working within Landscape Architecture, Forestry, Cultural Geography, Architecture, Urban Planning or related planning oriented academic fields.

Objective, including learning outcomes

This course deals with communication aspects within the Urban Forestry and Urban Greening (UFUG) field, discussing both a philosophical approach as well as a planning/management (praxis related) and a research related approach.

The objectives of the course are:

- To highlight important issues of knowledge dissemination between research and practise, including the development of methods.
- To explore the communication processes and knowledge dissemination between actors within the political, planning and management system, that is actors on the political, strategic, administrative and management level. In practise this may be e.g. municipalities or forest agencies.
- To explore ways of gaining knowledge from and assuring the opinions of users and other stakeholders in e.g. a planning situation.
- To give Ph.D.- students dealing with aspects of UFUG a specific chance to discuss and develop an academic framework based on their own project.

Content

Due to the complex nature of UFUG, communication is seen as a central aspect of problem solving. Communication is in this sense understood primarily in terms of the process of knowledge exchange, including also teaching aspects, policymaking, setting goals and learning user demands.

The course is a week-long course and consists of lectures, mutual critics, discussions and an excursion. In the evenings there will be room for additional lectures, discussions and social arrangements.

Requirements for examination

Prior to the course each participant is expected to submit a 2-3 page abstract of his/her own project with focus on the course theme. After the course each participant must submit a 5-10 page written report discussing his/her project in relation to the perspectives given at the course. Credits will be given based on the two written reports, as well as active participation in the course.

The students will as an introduction each present their thesis work. At the end of the course each student will relate the course content to his/her own project, and a synopsis for a paper will be prepared in cooperation with the Network core group.

Each student will submit a written paper, which will be reviewed by two of the Network core group members. The course will be passed if both reviewers agree

that the paper has a sufficient academic level, and reflection on the course theme.

Additional information

The course will take place in Copenhagen April 25-29, 2005.

The application shall be attached with an abstract of the first paper that summarize the communication aspects of the applicants own thesis work.

See also <http://www.nova-university.org/ufug>

Responsible department

Faculty of Landscape Architecture, Horticulture and Crop Production Science