



School of Economics and Management

FEKH45, Business Administration: Managing and Developing Organizations, 7.5 credits

*Företagsekonomi: Management och organisationsutveckling, 7,5
högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by The Board of the Department of Business Administration on 2014-05-20 and was last revised on 2015-05-03 by Academic Director of Studies at Department of Business Administration. . The revised syllabus applied from 2015-09-01. , autumn semester 2015.

General Information

This course is an elective course in Business Administration at the advanced undergraduate level. The course can be studied within the Bachelor Programme in Business Administration and Economics as well as an independent-subject course.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Business Administration

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

The course emphasizes the central concepts and traditions in organization studies and aims to equip students with skills for applying organizational research to practice. Above all, the course seeks to develop analytical (problem-identifying) and decision making (problem-solving) skills required to manage complex situations. The course emphasizes the importance of understanding organizations from different theoretical perspectives and the implications of these for managing organizations.

Knowledge and understanding

A passing grade on the course will be awarded to students who:

- Have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the perspectives, theories and concepts that are presented throughout the course.
- Understand relations between various organizational dimensions, i.e. the strategic dimension related to structure, culture and control.
- Can analyze the interplay between various organizational dimensions and see organizations as integrated wholes.
- Show basic practical knowledge in the areas of organization and leadership.

Competence and skills

A passing grade on the course will be awarded to students who:

- Show ability to communicate on issues, debates and problems in the field both orally and in writing.
- Show ability in problem identification and problem solving, both in groups and individually.
- Can argument and discuss how to handle complex case studies based on theoretical and empirical material, in writing.
- Show ability to obtain, value and interpret relevant information.
- Show ability to use basic models and tools within organization theory.
- Show ability to analyze organizations from different perspectives.
- Show ability to integrate and describe the interactions between different organizational dimensions.
- Show ability to acquire a contextual overview of complex problem situations.

Judgement and approach

A passing grade on the course will be awarded to students who:

- Show insight in the meaning of a reflexive and nuanced analysis.
- Can choose relevant empirical material.
- Can choose a relevant perspective for further decision-making.

Course content

The main objectives of the course are to train, develop and mentally prepare the students to take active participation as managers as well as co-workers in various organizations. Developing practical skills as a manager is essential whether one works in a specialist role or in a formal leadership position. In addition to investigating various aspects of management, the course also underlines the importance of analyzing and understanding organizations as multiple perspective phenomena. The course is built around two main components; the first of these is theoretical, where students gain knowledge on different theoretical perspectives on managing organizations. The second component is of a more practical character whereby the students apply models and tools.

A number of theoretical themes will be discussed during the course including:

- organizational structures
- systems and technology

- managing work
- culture and institutions

Course design

The goal of developing an advanced understanding of organisations in practice is furthered throughout the course by lectures and seminars. The teaching is based consistently on active student participation and presentation at theory and case seminars.

Assessment

The course will be examined by means of a written examination. Students will also be examined by means of their performance during seminar. Attendance at the seminars will be compulsory.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

Grade (Definition) Points or % out of maximum points. Characteristic.

A (Excellent) 85-100. A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

B (Very good) 75-84. A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

C (Good) 65-74. The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought and lives up to expectations.

D (Satisfactory) 55-64. The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

E (Sufficient) 50-54. The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

F (U) (Fail) 0-49. The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

Some occasional examination elements of the course may have the grading scale pass (D) / fail U(F).

Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The University will take disciplinary actions against any kind of attempted malpractice in examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other improper practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specific period of time.

Entry requirements

Admission to the course requires a successfully completed course in Business administration of 1-30 ECTS credits and that the student has been registered and followed courses of Business administration at the 31-60 credits level.

Further information

The course FEKH45 cannot be combined with FEKH40, FEKA23 or FEK544 in a degree.

In case of closure of the course: Within three semesters after the course closure there will be offered three additional occasions for examination of respective examination part of the course, for students with no successful result. Note that after this you can get a certificate only regarding completed examination parts.

Subcourses in FEKH45, Business Administration: Managing and Developing Organizations

Applies from H15

- 1501 Group assignment, 2,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1502 Written exam, 5,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A

Applies from H14

- 1401 Managing and Developing Organizations, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A