



School of Economics and Management

IBUH11, International Business: Knowledge Frontiers in International Business, 7.5 credits

*International Business: Kunskapsfronten inom International Business, 7,5
högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Business Administration on 2019-05-19 and was last revised on 2023-09-15 by Academic Director of Studies at Department of Business Administration. The revised syllabus comes into effect 2023-09-15 and is valid from the spring semester 2024.

General information

IBUH11 is a course in International Business offered at the last (6th) semester of the EGIBU. The course will prepare the students for the degree project later the same semester.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of study Specialisation

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

Learning outcomes

With this course, the student shall obtain a deeper understanding of the core issues within international business and related management theories.

The student:

- gets a deeper understanding of theories of international business and management, including their origins and relation to alternative theories
- shall be able to explain the relation between theory and data and apply theory to empirical phenomena
- shall be able to interpret contemporary societal phenomena using theories of international business and management
- shall be able to analyze theory, i.e. understand their parts and their relations to other theories and empirical issues

- shall be able to analyze and formulate empirical and theoretical problems within research on international business and management.

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

Knowledge and understanding

- can demonstrate knowledge and understanding of theories about international firms.
- can identify empirical and theoretical problems.

Competence and skills

- can demonstrate the ability to analyze and critically interpret information to formulate problems, as well as discussing phenomena, issues and situations critically
- can demonstrate the ability to identify, formulate and solve problems independently, and to complete assignments within given time frames
- can demonstrate the ability to present and discuss information, problems and solutions verbally and in writing
- can demonstrate the ability to work in teams as well as independently

Judgement and approach

- can demonstrate the ability to pass judgment grounded in theory, taking into consideration both social and ethical concerns.
- can demonstrate the ability to identify one's individual need for knowledge and learning

Course content

The course has a scientific orientation and aims at educating the students in research related matters concerning the strategy, management, and organization of international firms.

The course is divided into theoretical themes and the student shall through these theories develop an understanding of core challenges in international business research, different issues and decision points in conjunction with internationalization, the organization of international operations, and the context of doing international business.

Great emphasis will be put on theory, analysis and the formulation of research problem, as well as application of theory on challenges connected with research on international business.

As the course focuses on theory and research, it can be viewed as a scientific preparation for the bachelor thesis that directly succeeds this course.

The course literature consists of a selection of scientific articles within the field of international business and management.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars, and group assignments.

Assessment

The course has two examinations:

One individual exam corresponding to 4 HP. Graded A-F

One group assignment corresponding to 3,5 HP. Graded A-F

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: U=Fail, E=Sufficient, D=Satisfactory, C=Good, B=Very Good, A=Excellent

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

The students must be enrolled in the BSc in International Business programme (EGIBU) and have completed at least 90 credits (of which at least 30 credits should be within the subject International Business) in that programme.

Further information

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.