



Faculty of Social Sciences

## SGEL32, Human Geography: Research Methods, 7.5 credits

*Samhällsgeografi: Forskningsmetodik, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 2012-05-31 and was last revised on 2016-02-02 by the board of the Department of Human Geography. The revised syllabus applied from 2016-08-29, autumn semester 2016.

### General Information

The course is given within the main field of study social and economic geography. The course is an elective course within the Bachelor programme in social planning- urban and regional development.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish and English

*Main field of studies*

Human Geography

*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

On completion of the course, the student should:

- ? show knowledge and understanding of social and economic geography, knowledge of its disciplinary foundation and knowledge of applicable methods
- ? show knowledge about and understanding of properties of different research techniques and create a number of different instruments for collection of empiricism, among others by means of GIS,
- ? be able to apply and evaluate different qualitative and quantitative analysis techniques in a basic way
- ? demonstrate an understanding of the implication in scientific research terminology and be able to assess validity and reliability in studies
- ? show ability to orally and in writing account for and discuss information, problems and solutions in dialogue with different groups

- ? demonstrate an understanding of the knowledge role in the society and if the responsibility of people for how it is used.

## Course content

The course intends to that the student should be familiar with basic scientific research methodology and be able to apply a number of different study- and analysis techniques and understand which effects different method choices give on data and research results. Under the module is exercised both qualitative and quantitative working methods including geographic information systems (GIS).

## Course design

The teaching consists of teaching sessions and seminars. Seminars are compulsory. The expected learning outcomes are tested through written and oral examinations. The tests include the teaching and literature that hears to the course. The examination can include compulsory written home assignments.

## Assessment

In connection with the course, three examination sessions been offered; regular test, re-examination and summing-up examination. Within a year after the end of the course are offered at least two additional examination sessions on the same course content. After that, the student is offered further examination session but in accordance with then current course syllabus.

*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.

As grades, one of the terms A is used, B, C, D, E or failed. Highest grade is denoted with A and lowest grade to pass with E. Grades for failed results are denoted with failed.

The student's results is assessed from the expected learning outcomes of the course. For the grade E, the student should show a

sufficient results. For the grade D, the student should show a satisfactory results. For the grade C, the student should show a good results. For the grade B, the student should show a very good results. For the grade A, the student should show a characterised results. For the grade failed, the student has shown an insufficient results.

At the start of the course, the students about the expected learning outcomes of the course syllabus and about the grading scale and its application are informed in the course.

## Entry requirements

To read on the third year within the social planning program, all course requirements must be met from the first year of the program and at least a further 45 credits must have been completed within the second year, constituting a total of at least 105 credits. Exemption can be granted if there are special reasons.

### **Further information**

The course may not be included in a higher education qualification together with SGEK01; SGEK02. The course replaces SGEL13 Social and economic geography: Research methodology

## Subcourses in SGEL32, Human Geography: Research Methods

Applies from H12

1201 Human Geography: Research Methods, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A