



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ABMM06, ALM: Research Methods, 7.5 credits

ABM: Forskningsmetodik, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2008-04-21. The syllabus comes into effect 2008-04-21 and is valid from the autumn semester 2008.

General information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Archival Studies, Library and Information Studies and Museum Studies (ALM).

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of study

Culture and Information Studies for Archives, Libraries and Museums

Specialisation

AXX, Second cycle, in-depth level of the course cannot be classified

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- give an account of and understand the differences between quantitative and qualitative aspects of research problems

Competence and skills

- identify appropriate scientific methodology depending on the research problem
- analyse and assess method use in scientific literature in archival science, library and information science, museum studies and the history of books
- relate research methods to scientific theoretical arguments
- independently be able to formulate a research plan with a reflecting method discussion

- independently be able to apply a chosen quantitative and qualitative method and reflect on how the material collected should be analysed

Judgement and approach

- independently reflect on research-ethical questions and their methodological consequences
- independently be able to make scientific theoretical arguments about the possibilities and limitations of research-based knowledge.

Course content

In the course, scientific methodology is studied. Both qualitative and quantitative methods are discussed and these are related to scientific theoretical views on research-based knowledge. In addition, questions about research ethics and the possibilities and limitations of research are discussed. In the course, the students should formulate two research plans, one based on a quantitative research approach and one based on a qualitative research approach. In the course, space for specific methods in archival science, library and information science and museum studies is also given.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, peer review and supervised group exercises. Participation in teacher-supervised group exercises and peer review is compulsory.

Assessment

The following forms of assessment may be used: oral and/or written assignments, laboratory sessions, peer review, teacher-supervised group exercises and course protocol.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass

Entry requirements

Admission to the course requires ABMM22, ABMM42 or ABMM62 or equivalent knowledge.

Further information

1. The number of credits allocated for course content that is shared in whole or in part with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details, see current registration and information materials.