



School of Economics and Management

EKHT90, Economic History: Internship, 15 credits

Ekonomisk historia: Praktik, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economic History on 2021-06-15 to be valid from 2021-08-30, autumn semester 2021.

General Information

This is a course at the graduate level, which can become part of a Master of Science degree. It is optional in the second year of the master's degrees in Innovation and Global Sustainable Development, and in Economic Growth, Population and Development.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Economic History

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On a general level the student will develop understanding and skills in subjects relevant to his/her master's programme. The internship can take place within the context of a government agency, international organization, or private business (henceforth labelled "organization").

More specifically, to pass the assessments, students will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- Account for their understanding of a specific organization, its working life and routines, and/or account for their understanding of the collection of information and analysis of data in a specific context by an organization.

- Independently interpret and assess the relevance of an activity within an organization.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the subject area of the internship.

Competence and skills

- Carry out analytical tasks within an organization.
- Manage administrative or other practical work within an organization.

Judgement and approach

- Review and evaluate the relevance of various evidence for use in professional communication.
- Communicate in matters regarding the activity of an organization, both orally and in writing.
- Relate activities of an organization to issues and/or debates within economic development.

Course content

Through an internship in an organization the course aims at giving the students a working experience relevant for his/her master's studies. The course is independent from the university's teaching and the student is expected to independently find and apply for the internship. The length of the internship should correspond to at least ten weeks of full-time work. The provider of the internship could be of different kind but could normally be in the categories government agency, intergovernmental or supranational organization, non-governmental organization, or a private firm. The organization and the work assignments for the internship must be approved by the director of the respective program.

Course design

The choice of organization needs to be motivated in a written proposal based on a set of academic readings provided for the course by the respective program. The student needs to submit a letter showing the admittance to the internship, giving the name of the supervisor for the student. During the internship, the student is required to write bi-weekly internship diary reports of his/her activities (ca 1000 words).

Upon returning, the student should provide a letter from the organization confirming the internship.

For the final examination, the student should write a report (3,500 – 4,500 words) about the knowledge and skills acquired in the internship. In addition, the student should discuss the report with the examiner. The report should show why and how the internship is relevant and complementary to the master's programme studies. The report is also required to relate to academic/methodological literature suited for the internship.

Assessment

The examination is based on assessment of the initial pre-departure written proposal; the recurrent diary reports throughout the length of the internship; the final report and the oral examination following the submission of the report.

The University views plagiarism very seriously, and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practice in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

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.

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

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass.

Entry requirements

Students accepted for the second year of the master's programme EAETU 'Economic Growth, Population and Development', track EKUT 'Economic Development' and Innovation and Global Sustainable Development.

Students from other Master's programmes or tracks at the Department of Economic History who have been approved by their programme director to take this course, may be eligible to the course.

At least 45 credits from the first year of the programme.

Students are required to apply for the course to their respective program director in writing and the application has to include documentation showing that there is an official contact person at the receiving organization.

Further information

The students of the Master in Innovation and Global Sustainable developments can only apply for internships in the spring semester of the second academic year.

This course cannot be included in the same degree as either of the courses EKHT54 Economic History: Internship, 15 credits or EKHT16 Economic History: Internship, 7.5 credits.

Subcourses in EKHT90, Economic History: Internship

Applies from H21

2101 Internship, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass