

HEKN16, Human Ecology: Internship, 15 credits

Humanekologi: Praktik, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Human Geography on 2016-12-06 and was last revised on 2018-06-05. The revised syllabus applies from 2018-09-03, autumn semester 2018.

General Information

The course is offered as an elective component of the Master of Science (120 credits) programme in Human Ecology- Culture, Power and Sustainability (SAHEK), 120 credits.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Human Ecology

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

Learning outcomes

For a Pass on the course, students shall

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate practical knowledge of the activities and procedures at the organisation or equivalent of the internship,

Competence and skills

- demonstrate the ability to relate academic skills to work-related tasks by connecting theory and practice,
- demonstrate the ability to use appropriate theories and methods for applied studies,

- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to account for how the work at the host organisation can be linked to the content of previously completed courses with regard to theories, methods and other knowledge of relevance to human ecology,

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate the ability to analyse the relationship between the contents of previous education and the tasks carried out at the host organisation,
- demonstrate the ability to analyse and take responsibility for their own work and learning processes.

Course content

The course prepares students for a future working life by providing them with, on the one hand, the opportunity to relate their academic skills to work-related tasks and, on the other, the opportunity to establish contacts with potential employers. The internship can be carried out in the public or private sector, or in non-governmental organisations in Sweden or abroad.

The internship is to include 10 weeks (half a semester) of full-time work, including time to write assignments for assessment. Supported by supervision at the host organisation, the student is to work with qualified and varied tasks of both a strategic and operational nature. The tasks should have a connection to the Master of Science (120 credits) programme in Human Ecology and Sustainability Policy. The student is to be able to use and develop knowledge and skills acquired previously on the programme at the host organisation.

Course design

The teaching consists of supervision at the workplace and a final seminar. The student is to have continuous contact with the course director throughout the course. When the internship is completed, the student's workplace supervisor is to issue a written certificate in English or Swedish about the internship with information about the student's name, the name of the organisation or equivalent, the period for the placement, the student's duties and the quality of the work. Written documentation of the student's work should be attached to the certificate.

Attendance at seminars is compulsory unless there are special grounds. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or re-take compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of duties as an elected student representative.

Assessment

The assessment is based on written assignments.

Students who fail a placement course are to be given an opportunity for a retake. The student must then redo the placement in its entirety, and they themselves are responsible for finding a new placement.

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.

For a grade of Pass, the student must have attained the learning outcomes stated for the course. At the start of the course, the student is informed about the learning outcomes of the course and about the grading scale and its application on the course.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have completed courses amounting to 52.5 credits in the Master of Science (120 credits) programme in Human Ecology-Culture, Power and Sustainability (SAHEK), 120 credits.

Further information

The student is responsible for finding a suitable work placement and funding travel, accomodation, etc. Prior to the student's commencing the internship, the host organisation and course director are to sign an agreement on the internship, and the course director is to approve the principal duties.

The course may not be included in a degree together with HEKN10 Human Ecology: Practical Application (15 credits), HEKN15, Human Ecology: Practical Application (15 credits), HEKN20, Human Ecology: Practical Application (30 credits) or HEKN25, Human Ecology: Practical Application (30 credits).

Subcourses in HEKN16, Human Ecology: Internship

Applies from H17

1601 Practical Application, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass