

HEKN26, Human Ecology: Internship, 30 credits

Humanekologi: Praktik, 30 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by the board of the Department of Human Geography on 2016-12-06 and was valid from 2017-03-15, autumn semester 2017.

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.

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 specialised 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 reflecting on the links between theory and practice
- demonstrate the ability to apply and justify the use of appropriate theories and methods for applied studies

- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to analyse 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 reflect on the relationship between the contents of previous education and the tasks carried out at the host organisation
- demonstrate the ability to reflect on 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 20 weeks (one 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.

Unless there are valid reasons to the contrary, participation is compulsory in seminars. 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 9 written assignments and a final written report.

Students who fail a placement course are to be given an opportunity for a retake. The entire internship must then be redone and it is the student's responsibility to find a new work placement.

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, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied 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, accommodation, 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 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 HEKN26, Human Ecology: Internship

Applies from H17

1601 Practical Application, 30,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass