



Faculty of Science

KEMP42, Protein Science: Project Work, 30 credits

Proteinvetenskap: Projektarbete, 30 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Study programmes board, Faculty of Science on 2008-04-29 and was last revised on 2008-04-29. The revised syllabus applies from 2008-04-30, autumn semester 2008.

General Information

The course is an optional second-cycle course for a degree of Master of Science, main field of study Protein Science.

Language of instruction: English and Swedish
When necessary, the course in full is given in English.

Main field of studies

Protein Science

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

Learning outcomes

The aim of the project is to give the students the opportunity to gain highly specialised knowledge within a subject-specific area, to give training in advanced research methodology, as well as in independently running and implementing a research project of limited scope.

On completion of the project, students shall be able to

- demonstrate excellent theoretical knowledge, understanding and problem solving abilities which, all together, mean considerable subject-specific specialisation
- demonstrate excellent experimental skills in practical laboratory work or theoretical calculations and thus display a respectable ability to participate in the creation of new knowledge, even in new or unfamiliar contexts and surroundings

- demonstrate good skills in planning and documenting experimental work
- carry out adequate risk assessments for subject-specific chemical and/or molecular biological work, and be very familiar with the laws and ordinances that regulate such work, as well as being able to reflect on and discuss the ethical aspects and social significance of such work and research
- demonstrate great familiarity with the scientific method's work methodology and critical approach. This includes being able to scientifically test hypotheses, having good capabilities in assessing the quality of both their own and others' results, and being able to read, understand and critically review scientific primary publications
- demonstrate good abilities in using and conveying their knowledge in different forms in their area, everything from report writing to oral presentations, and participate in free exchanges of opinion both with researchers in the international scientific area and with laymen in the surrounding community

Course content

The focus of the project work and its design are decided in consultation with the supervisor. The project work can be carried out at a unit within the Chemistry Department but may, after agreement with the examiner/grading committee, be carried out at another higher education department or outside the university. The work shall comprise literature studies that survey the background to the selected research task and contain laboratory and/or theoretical tasks.

Course design

The student carries out literature studies, establishes a project plan and performs a subject-specific research task under supervision. The project work concludes with a written report and a public oral presentation in the presence of the supervisor and examiner/grading committee.

The written report must contain an introduction to the selected task with relevant, complete references to the underlying literature, a material and methods section that enables the experiment to be repeated, as well as a presentation and discussion of the results achieved.

Before publication in the faculty database for project work an English summary and a short, popular science description in Swedish, intended for a wider audience, must be appended.

If the examiner considers that the work as submitted cannot be awarded a passing grade, the student will be given the opportunity to complete the work for further assessment.

Assessment

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

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

For Pass on the course students must have a pass on the written project report, a pass in the oral presentation and material must have been submitted to the faculty's database.

The examiner/grading committee determines the grade after consultation with the supervisor. The final grade is decided through weighting the assessment of the project's implementation and the written and oral presentations.

The grade for material submitted to the faculty's database is Participated.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course students must have basic eligibility, English B and

- completed courses comprising at least 105 higher education credits in any of the fields of Chemistry, Molecular Biology, Biomedicine or Biotechnology, of which at least 15 higher education credits are to be in Biochemistry
- completed second-cycle courses in Protein Science comprising at least 15 credits

Equivalent knowledge that has been gained in another way also provides eligibility for the course.

Further information

The project work can be accredited as KEMT10 Protein Science: Master's Degree Project, 30 credits, if the eligibility requirements for such a degree project are fulfilled.

Subcourses in KEMP42, Protein Science: Project Work

Applies from V08

- 0801 Project Work, 30,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0802 Summary, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated