



School of Economics and Management

NEKN85, Economics: Project in Finance, 7.5 credits

Nationalekonomi: Projekt i finans, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2013-10-15 to be valid from 2013-10-15, spring semester 2014.

General Information

This is a single subject master course in economics that is obligatory within the Master Programme in Finance (two years) at Lund University.

Language of instruction: English

Teaching is in English. (In some semesters the course can be taught in Swedish, see the appropriate application catalogue).

Main field of studies

Economics

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

1. Knowledge and understanding

The goal of the course is to deepen students' understanding of models and research methods in finance. Students shall demonstrate:

- knowledge and understanding of theories and models in the chosen topic,
- knowledge and understanding of the relevant methods to analyse the selected topic.

2. Skills and abilities

Students shall have the ability to independently:

- search for and evaluate information about the selected topic,
- adopt a critical and scientific approach,
- account for and discuss the analysis undertaken in writing in a structured and scientific manner,
- adequately summarise the content and the most important conclusions.

3. Applying knowledge and making judgements

Students shall develop:

- an ability to identify relevant research issues with a high degree of independence,
- an ability to initiate and undertake a scientific investigation with a high degree of independence,
- an ability to seek, evaluate, and analyse information with a high degree of independence.

Course content

The course consist of a study of the literature or an empirical application. This is a highly practice-oriented course with the end goal of developing the participants' investigation and empirical skills in finance. In the course, participants work on a research project selected from a range of themes, which may vary over time. Within the theme participants study the relevant literature or carry out an empirical research project. In the project participants are supposed to apply and use the knowledge gained from the literature study within the theme as well as knowledge gained from other courses included in the programme.

No specific gender perspective is adopted in this course.

Course design

1. Teaching: The supervision of the project work may vary between themes and may be carried out in the form of seminars or individual supervisions.

Assessment

1. Examination: Examination consists of writing an essay.
2. Limitations on the number of examination opportunities: –

The University views plagiarism and other academic dishonesty very seriously, and will take disciplinary action against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specified period.

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

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

1. Grading: Grade (Definition), Points or percentage out of maximum points, Characteristic

A (Excellent), 85–100, A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

B (Very good), 75–84, A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

C (Good), 65–74, The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

D (Satisfactory), 55–64, The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

E (Sufficient), 50–54, The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

U (Fail), 0–49, The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

Students have to receive a grade of E or higher in order to pass a course.

2. Weighting grades from different parts of the course: –

3. Grading scales for different parts of the course: –

Entry requirements

Students admitted to the Master Programmes in Finance (two years) are qualified for this course. The course is not available for other students.

Further information

1. Transitional regulations: –

2. Limitations in the period of validity: –

3. Limitations: –

4. Similar courses: –

5. Limitations in renewed examination: –

Subcourses in NEKN85, Economics: Project in Finance

Applies from V14

1301 Project in Finance, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A