



School of Economics and Management

NEKP04, Economics: Master Essay II - Economic Demography Programme, 15 credits

Nationalekonomi: Examensarbete - masternivå, programmet i ekonomisk demografi, 15 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2011-06-07 to be valid from 2011-06-07, autumn semester 2011.

General Information

This is a single subject master course in economics. The course is obligatory for students specialising in economics within the two-year Master Programme in Economic Demography at Lund University.

Tuition is given in Swedish or English.

Main field of studies

Economics

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Students shall demonstrate:

- an understanding of advanced theories and models in the chosen area,
- knowledge of relevant empirical methods to analyse the chosen issue,
- an understanding of the relevant theories and methods to analyse the problem of the essay.

Competence and skills

Students shall have the ability to independently:

- apply advanced theories and models in the chosen area,
- apply relevant empirical methods to analyse the chosen issue,
- draw relevant conclusions from the analysis undertaken,
- 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 of the essay and the most important conclusions, in speech and in writing,
- present and discuss the essay at a seminar,
- evaluate and discuss other essays.

Judgement and approach

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, analyse and critically examine information with a high degree of independence,
- a scientific approach.

Course content

The course consists of writing an essay that is publicly defended at a seminar with a discussant and to discuss another essay at a seminar. The second year master essay presupposes and builds upon the first year independent research and its completion of a first year master essay. The essay shall be written individually or by two students writing together. The essay shall be in the field of economic demography. The student has to define a research issue, carry out research and write the thesis independently, although with support from a supervisor. It is the task of the supervisor to support the development from idea to plan, and thereafter to stimulate and criticize the student's work. The main supervisor must hold a PhD. The students shall formulate a clear and original research problem and investigate and analyse the problem in a scholarly manner.

No specific gender perspective is adopted in this course.

Course design

1. Teaching: At an early stage, one or two supervisors will be allotted to the student on the basis of the student's area of interest. Well before the actual period of the thesis work, a series of preparatory seminars will be held, where the students present ideas and plans for the research. The course is ended by a series of final seminars. Apart from this, tuition consists of individual supervision.

Assessment

1. Examination: Examination consists of writing the essay, presenting the essay at a seminar, discussing another essay and actively participating in the series of final seminars. Individual performance during the work on the essay can affect the grade. The examiner and not the supervisor is responsible for the grading of the thesis. If a thesis does not pass the first examination, the examiner and the supervisor will specify the required improvements that have to be made and the student will be given the opportunity to hand in a revised version for assessment. The essay must be provided to the database of the Economic Library in order to pass the course.

2. Limitations on the number of examination opportunities: –

The University views plagiarism 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: The official grading scale is A, B, C, D, E and Fail.

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

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

Entry requirements

Students who have been admitted to the Master Programme in Economic Demography and have passed the course NEKN04 "Master Essay I – Economic Demography Programme" or an equivalent course are qualified for this course.

Further information

1. Transitional regulations: The course replaces NEKM08 "Master Essay II – Economic Demography Programme".

2. Limitations in the period of validity: –

3. Limitations: The course may not be included in the same degree as NEKM08 "Master Essay II – Economic Demography Programme".

4. Similar courses: –

5. Limitations in renewed examination: –

Subcourses in NEKP04, Economics: Master Essay II - Economic Demography Programme

Applies from H11

- 1101 Master Essay II - Economic Demography Programme, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1102 Opposition, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass