

PEAB08, Psychology: Specialized Studies in the Main Field and Research Methodology, 15 credits

*Psykologi: Ämnesfördjupning och grundläggande forskningsmetodik,
15 högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Programme committee for the Bachelor- and Master Programmes in Human Resource Development and Labour on 2013-05-16 to be valid from 2013-09-02, autumn semester 2013.

General Information

The course is included in semester 3 of the Bachelor of Science programme in Human Resource Development and Labour Relations. It is compulsory for students who choose to specialise in psychology in the programme and is one of three elective courses for students who choose to specialise in business law.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Psychology

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate an understanding of theory of science considerations concerning the essence of science in comparison with other forms of knowledge and of the essence and origin of scientific theories, and of the properties of a good scientific explanation
- demonstrate knowledge of the most common ways of designing a psychological investigation and of the links between the issue addressed and the choice of method

- demonstrate knowledge of qualitative perspectives of psychological research
- demonstrate knowledge of the basics of descriptive statistics

Competence and skills

- demonstrate an ability to calculate relationships through correlation and regression analysis
- demonstrate an ability to calculate differences in averages with a t-test or one-way analysis of variance
- demonstrate an ability to select the calculation method best suited to the analysis of a given issue/data material
- demonstrate an ability to use qualitative methods to collect and analyse data
- demonstrate an ability to apply psychological theories and methods in the analysis of problems on the levels of individuals, groups and organisations
- demonstrate an ability to apply basic scientific methodology to processes in working life, to identify problems and find solutions to issues in work psychology
- demonstrate an ability to communicate basic knowledge of work psychology to others

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate the ability to adopt a critical approach to reflect on psychological theories and research findings

Course content

The aim of the course is to provide students with an introduction to the theory of science and research methods, and to demonstrate how this knowledge can be applied to specific problems and issues related to working life. It covers both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Furthermore, the course provides knowledge of basic statistical methods including simple calculations of relationships and significance. Using an orientation in work psychology, students are to execute a project applying knowledge of methods and statistics to an issue related to working life. Potential topics for the projects include: recruitment, bullying, leadership and human-computer interaction.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, group exercises, laboratory exercises/demonstrations and project work. Compulsory participation is required in group exercises, laboratory exercises/demonstrations and project work.. Unless there are valid reasons to the contrary, compulsory participation is required in compulsory components. 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 a written exam, written assignments and a project report. The course includes opportunities for assessment at a first examination, a re-sit close

to the first examination and a second re-sit in the same year. Two further re-examinations on the same course content are offered within a year of a major change or discontinuation of the course. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus..

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.

The grades awarded are Pass with Distinction, Pass or Fail.

For the grade of Pass, the student must have fulfilled the learning outcomes stated under point C. For the grade of Pass with Distinction, the student must also have demonstrated special theoretical awareness and analytical ability.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, the student must be admitted to the Bachelor of Science programme in Human Resource Development and Labour Relations and have completed at least 45 credits from the first two semesters, including PEAB02 Psychology: Introduction to Psychology, 15 credits.

Further information

This course replaces BAGA01 Introduction to Behavioural Science and Labour Law, Module 5 Specialisation and Basic Research Methodology, option III Work Environment from a Psychological Perspective- Research Methods and Project Work, 15 credits.

Subcourses in PEAB08, Psychology: Specialized Studies in the Main Field and Research Methodology

Applies from H12

- 1101 Specialized Studies in the Main Field and Research Method., 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1102 Project work, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass