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Faculty of Social Sciences

SGED07, Human Geography: Field Work/Internship and Research Overview, 15 credits

*Samhällsgeografi: Fältarbete/praktik och forskningsöversikt, 15
högskolepoäng*

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 2011-11-17 to be valid from 2012-01-01, spring semester 2012.

General Information

The course is a compulsory first-cycle course in the Bachelor's programme in Development Studies with a specialisation in Human Geography.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Human Geography

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall be able to:

- demonstrate solid practical knowledge of the activities and routines at the organisation where the placement takes place, of the context in which the fieldwork is carried out or of the issues of concern in the research overview
- demonstrate knowledge acquired through work on development-related issues
- demonstrate knowledge of economic, organisational, political and technological development trends
- demonstrate advanced knowledge of previous parts of the programme
- present and discuss relevant empirical cases linked to development studies
- independently and individually analyse relevant issues addressed within the scope of the placement, fieldwork or research overview
- communicate the results of learning and research processes in speech and in writing within given time frames.

Course content

The aim of the course is to provide students with experience working in a development context. An additional aim is to provide material for the upcoming Bachelor's thesis.

Course design

The course is divided into three streams of 15 credits each and students are to choose one of these. Two streams offer the option to carry out fieldwork or a placement at a development organisation while the third stream, a research overview, is an alternative for students who choose to stay in Lund.

Stream 1: Fieldwork

This stream is an option for students who wish to carry out fieldwork in a developing country. The final product is a paper, however, the student is also to write a diary during the fieldwork that is to be submitted to the supervisor. There are a limited number of MFS scholarships available from the departments. Students are able to self-fund or apply for funding for the trip and the programme provides assistance in finding appropriate recipients in the host country.

Stream 2: Placement

The placement can be carried out at an organisation chosen by the student. However, the organisation must be approved by the programme coordinator. The placement runs for 10 weeks (the whole course). The programme management cannot provide assistance to find placements, however, it is able to provide a letter of introduction. The placement is separate to the Bachelor's thesis course, however, with the approval of the host organisation, the placement period and material obtained from it can be used in the thesis. Students who use material from their placement in the thesis are still required to meet the research requirements of the Bachelor's thesis course.

Stream 3: Preparatory research overview

The third stream consists of a literature course. The aim is for students to be offered the opportunity to study some classical and contemporary works in the main field of study. The course is individually designed by the student, the Department of the main field of study and the programme coordinator. It provides the student with an opportunity to study the theoretical aspects of the subject for the thesis but can also be used to collect secondary material.

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on continuous written assignments. Depending on the selected stream, the assignment may be a placement report, a research diary discussing the student's fieldwork or a research overview. All streams conclude with a more extensive summary of the experiences from the chosen stream.

Plagiarism is considered a serious offence at Lund University, and disciplinary measures will be taken against all forms of misconduct in connection with the assessment. The penalty that may be imposed for this includes suspension from the University for a certain period of time.

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.

The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the scale of grades and how it is applied in the course.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have successfully completed Mathematics A, English B and Social Studies A from Swedish upper-secondary school and at least 90 credits from the first two years of the Bachelor's programme in Development Studies.

International students must demonstrate knowledge of English in one of the following ways:

IELTS test with an average result of 6.5 (no part may be below 5.5)

TOEFL test with an average result of 4.5 (max. 6) in the written test and a total result of 575; online test with an average result of 20 (max. 30) in the written test and a total result of 90

Cambridge/Oxford Advanced Certificate of Proficiency

A Bachelor's degree from a university where English is the only language of instruction according to the International Handbook of Universities

A Pass in English B/6 from a Swedish upper secondary school.

Subcourses in SGED07, Human Geography: Field Work/Internship and Research Overview

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