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Faculty of Social Sciences

SGEM08, Human Geography: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits

*Samhällsgeografi: Examensarbete för masterexamen, 30
högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Human Geography on 2016-09-06 to be valid from 2017-01-16, spring semester 2017.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Science Programme in Human Geography (SASGE), 120 credits. The course is also offered as a freestanding course.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Human Geography

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

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

Knowledge and understanding

- knowledge and understanding in the field of human geography, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in specific areas of the field, and specialised insight into current research and development work,
- specialised methodological knowledge in human geography,

Competence and skills

- ability to apply knowledge and understanding to new and unfamiliar contexts of a broad (or multidisciplinary) character within a field associated with human geography,
- ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and address complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information,
- ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate research propositions, to plan and with use of appropriate methods realise advanced tasks within predetermined time frames, and through this contribute to the formation of knowledge and to assess this work,
- ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences,
- ability to apply academic skills such as referencing of sources and use of figures, tables and other means of communication,
- skills required for participation in research and development work or to work independently in other qualified capacities,

Judgement and approach

- ability within human geography to make assessments in relation to relevant scientific, social and ethical issues, and to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work,
- insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of individuals for how it is used,
- ability to identify personal needs for further knowledge and to take responsibility for own learning.

Course content

During the module the student is trained to plan, delimit, execute, report and critically review an independent, written dissertation.

Course design

Teaching is in the form of supervision, independent study and seminars. The student is to work independently within a field agreed upon with the supervisor. The hours of supervision are limited to the semester in which the student first registered for the course. Exceptions can be made if there are special grounds. The dissertation is to be written by the individual student but collaboration between two students can be permitted in certain circumstances. The student is to defend his or her dissertation and critically review a fellow student's project at a concluding seminar.

Unless there are valid reasons to the contrary, compulsory participation is required in seminars and supervision. 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 course is assessed on the basis of a written degree project, defence of the Project at a seminar and critical review of a fellow student's degree project. The degree project is to be registered in an open access database on a server owned by Lund University. The student independently chooses the level of access.

Three opportunities for examination are offered in conjunction with the course: a first examination and two re-examinations. Two further re-examinations on the same course content are offered within a year of the end 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, E, D, C, B, A.

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.

The students' defence of his/her own degree project and critical review of a fellow student's degree project are exempted from the grading scale above. The grades awarded for these components are Pass or Fail. For the grade of Pass, the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of Fail, the student must have shown unacceptable results.

The degree project determines the grade on the course.

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

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course students must have

- a Bachelor's degree in human geography or the equivalent
- passed second-cycle courses in human geography amounting to 30 credits
- passed second-cycle courses in methodology amounting to 30 credits
- Oral and written proficiency in English corresponding to English 6/B from Swedish upper secondary school is a requirement. Assessment of equivalent qualifications will be based on national guidelines.

Further information

The course replaces course SGEM06 Human Geography: Master's (Two Years) Thesis (30 credits).

The course may not be included in a degree together with SGEM02 Human Geography: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits; SGEM04 Human Geography: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits or SGEM06 Human Geography: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits.

Subcourses in SGEM08, Human Geography: Master's (Two Years) Thesis

Applies from V17

1601 Master's (Two Year) Thesis, 30,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A