

## **SGEM21, Human Geography: Geographies of Economies - Transforming Places, People and Production, 7.5 credits**

*Samhällsgeografi: Ekonomisk geografiska omvandlingsprocesser -  
platser, människor och produktion, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

**Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus is an old version, approved by the board of the Department of Human Geography on 2015-02-03 and was valid from 2015-08-31, autumn semester 2015.

### **General Information**

The course is taught within term 1 of the Master's programme in Human Geography (120 credits) and is also offered as a freestanding course.

*Main field of studies*

Human Geography

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

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

### **Learning outcomes**

Upon completion of the course the student should be able to demonstrate:

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- an in-depth understanding of how different social, economic and spatial contexts influence processes of growth and development,
- knowledge of scientific information,

#### **Competence and skills**

- the ability to describe and analyze economic transformations in society as well as underlying processes and consequences for labour, firms, industries and regions,
- the ability to communicate how different social, economic and spatial contexts influence processes of growth and development,

- the ability to communicate scientifically and monitor knowledge development within the field of study,
- the ability to independently search for information on the course themes, critically analyse and evaluate the information and its sources and effectively communicate findings,
- skills to select effective methods to access the needed information,
- the ability to apply techniques for proper academic referencing,

### **Judgement and approach**

- the ability to identify and critically relate to dominant approaches to economic development and policy, understand their roots, and relate them to theories in economic geography.

### **Course content**

This advanced level course in Economic Geography focuses on some of the most important socio-economic challenges that today's cities, regions and nations face. It examines how globalization affects firms and people in particular places, and why some regions continue to grow and prosper when other regions struggle with economic restructuring. These themes are analyzed from different theoretical perspectives to examine the underlying forces that shape the trajectories and transformations of economic spaces.

### **Course design**

The course is structured around a series of lectures and seminars. Lectures introduce the theoretical foundations of the topics of the course, supplemented by seminar activities which are designed to encourage individual students to critically reflect and relate theoretical approaches to real-world developments. Attendance at guest lectures and seminars is compulsory unless there are special grounds. An alternative form or date for compulsory components is offered to students who are not able to complete a compulsory component owing to circumstances beyond their control, e.g. accident, sudden illness or similar. This also applies to students who have missed teaching because of activities as a student representative.

### **Assessment**

The course is assessed through one written individual assignment and two group project presentations. Three opportunities for examination are offered in conjunction with the course: a first examination and two re-examinations. Within a year of the end of the course, two further re-examinations on the same course content are offered. 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 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 grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

## Entry requirements

To be qualified the student must have at least 150 credits, including a Bachelor thesis in Human Geography or the equivalent.

A good command of the English language is required in both spoken and written form, equivalent to English 6/B proficiency in the Swedish secondary system.

Equivalent assessments will be made according to national guidelines.

## Further information

The course cannot be included in a degree together with SGEM13, Human Geography: Social, Economic and Environmental Challenges for Cities, Landscapes and Regions, 15 credits.

## Subcourses in SGEM21, Human Geography: Geographies of Economies - Transforming Places, People and Production

Applies from H15

1501 Geographies of Econ - Transforming places, people and produc, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A