

SKOP18, Strategic Communication: Philosophy of Science, 7.5 credits

Strategic Communication: Philosophy of Science, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 2011-12-14 to be valid from 2012-01-19, spring semester 2012.

General Information

The course is mandatory during the first semester in the Master of Science Programme in Strategic Communication, 120 credits. The course takes place in Helsingborg.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Strategic Communication

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate in-depth understanding of the relevance of the philosophy of social science for researchers as well as practitioners,
- demonstrate an advanced awareness of how science/social science developed historically,
- demonstrate deepened understanding of various major 'schools of thought' in the philosophy of social science,

Competence and skills

- argue in a logical, i.e. consistent and precise, manner in accordance with academic standards,
- write an advanced philosophical, i.e. argumentative paper,
- judge the soundness of sophisticated, complex arguments,

Judgement and approach

- judge the limits of what research can do, what scientific results mean, what social sciences can and what they cannot explain.

Course content

The course introduces the students to the philosophy of science in general and the philosophy of social sciences in particular. The course touches upon the major debates in the field including some insights into the philosophy of mind, cognitive science and neuroscience.

Course design

Teaching includes lectures and seminars.

Assessment

Assessment is based on:

a seminar prepared by the student with discussion based on literature provided by the lecturer.

opposition on other students work

a paper covering the discussion and topic of the seminar

an oral examination.

In connection with the course students are offered three examinations, a regular examination, a re-examination and one additional re-examination. Within one year after the course, students are offered a minimum of two additional re-examinations. Thereafter, more examinations are offered but in accordance with current course content.

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 (U). 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

Admitted to the Masterprogram in strategic communication, 120 credits.

Further information

The course replaces SKON18.

Subcourses in SKOP18, Strategic Communication: Philosophy of Science

Applies from H12

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