



Faculty of Social Sciences

## **SMMR31, Service Studies Perspectives on Sustainability Issues, 15 credits**

*Tjänstevetenskapliga perspektiv på hållbarhetsfrågor, 15  
höskolepoäng*

**Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Service Management and Service Studies on 2017-04-26 and was last revised on 2018-06-11. The revised syllabus applies from 2018-08-01, autumn semester 2018.

### **General Information**

The course may not be included in a main field of study. It is included in semester 3 of the Master of Science programme in Service Management.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

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*Depth of study relative to the degree  
requirements*

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle  
course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

For a Pass on the course, students shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- demonstrate specialised knowledge of what a social sciences perspective on sustainability issues means in relation to, for example, social, ecological and economic aspects for the understanding and the management of services
- demonstrate sound knowledge of the different techniques available to quantitative analyses of the environmental impact of service activities

- demonstrate sound understanding of theories of sustainable consumption
- demonstrate sound familiarity with theories of sustainable business models and conditions for their application

### **Competence and skills**

- demonstrate skills to estimate the environmental impact of service activities
- be able to use current research to analyse the connection between production, consumption and sustainability of service activities
- demonstrate the ability to interrogate the production and consumption of services from a social sciences perspective on sustainability

### **Judgement and approach**

- demonstrate the ability to identify, analyse, assess and communicate the different aspects of sustainability of service activities in a societal context.

### **Course content**

The course consists of four components introducing and problematizing different dimensions of sustainability within a service activities context.

Component 1: An introduction to social service perspective on sustainability.

Component 2: To estimate quantitatively the environmental impact on production and consumption of services.

Component 3: Theories of sustainable consumption, with a focus on service activities and sustainable business models of service activities.

Component 4: Problematize the concept of sustainability within service activities context from the student's specialization.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures, workshops, calculation exercises and seminars.

Unless there are valid reasons to the contrary, compulsory participation is required in the seminars dealing with project work. 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 made up of three separate components:

The assessment of component 2 is based on a project to be completed in groups and reported in writing (4 credits)

The assessment of component 3 is based on an individual take-home exam (5.5 credits)

The assessments of component 1 and 4 are merged and based on an individual take-home exam (5.5 credits)

The following opportunities for assessment shall be offered for each course/module with identical content: a first examination, a re-sit close to the first examination and a second re-sit for courses that have been completed in the past academic year.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

*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 the whole course is determined through the following formula:  $4/15 \times$  number of points for assessed component 2 +  $5.5/15 \times$  number of points for assessed component 3 +  $5.5/15 \times$  number of points for assessed component 1 and 4, compared to the grading scale above. Up to .49 the total number of points is rounded down and over .50 they are rounded up.

## Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, the student must have completed 30 credits of courses on the Master of Science (120 credits) programme in Service Management (SASMA), 120 credits.

## Further information

This course replaces Sustainability in Service Organisations, SMMP31, 15 credits, and may not be included together with that course in the same degree.

## Subcourses in SMMR31, Service Studies Perspectives on Sustainability Issues

Applies from H18

- 1801 Project Work, 4,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1802 Individually Written Home Exam I, 5,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1803 Individually Written Home Exam II, 5,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A

Applies from H17

- 1701 Written Home Exam, 3,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1702 Project Work, 3,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1703 Individually Written Home Exam II, 4,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1704 Individually Written Home Exam I, 4,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A