



Faculty of Social Sciences

## SMMV16, Introduction to Tourism, 7.5 credits

*Introduktion till turism, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

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 2019-03-29 and was last revised on 2026-02-12 by the board of the Department of Service Studies. The revised syllabus comes into effect 2026-02-12 and is valid from the autumn semester 2026.

### General information

The course is included in the first semester of the Master of Science (120 credits) programme in Service Management and is the first course specific to the specialisation in Tourism.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of study* Specialisation

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

### Learning outcomes

For a Pass on the course, the student shall

#### Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate specialised knowledge of central aspects of tourism as a phenomenon and area of activity
- demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the emergence of tourism and the general progress of society
- demonstrate knowledge of key concepts, models and theories in tourism as a research area

## Competence and skills

- be able to critically discuss current issues related to tourism from different theoretical perspectives
- be able to independently analyse the theoretical, analytical and empirical content of scholarly texts.

## Judgement and approach

- demonstrate the ability to make independent assessments in relation to theories and arguments within relevant research areas

## Course content

The course provides a broad introduction to:

- tourism as a historically based social and cultural phenomenon
- tourism as an industry and area of activity
- present-day problem areas with regard to tourism, for example in relation to sustainability.

Furthermore, the course provides an overview of the interdisciplinary research area of tourism, including broad introductions to key theories, concepts and models as well as more critical re-examinations of tourism as a phenomenon and research area.

## Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars, workshops and field excursion.

## Assessment

The assessment is based on:

- Individual written exam (5.5 credits), module code 2301
- Active participation on the seminars including submission of written reflections prior to the seminars (2 credits), module code 2302

The course includes opportunities for assessment at a first examination, a re-sit close to the first examination and a second re-sit for courses completed in the past year (catch-up exam). At least two further re-examinations on the same course content are offered within a year of a major change to, or discontinuation of, the course. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered, but in accordance with the current course syllabus.

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.

## Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: U=Fail, E=Sufficient, D=Satisfactory, C=Good, B=Very Good, A=Excellent

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 has demonstrated acceptable results. For the grade of D, the student has demonstrated satisfactory results. For the grade of C, the student has demonstrated good results. For the grade of B, the student has demonstrated very good results. For the grade A, the student has demonstrated excellent results. For the grade of Fail, the student has demonstrated unacceptable results.

Module code 2302 is an exception to the grading scale above. The grades awarded for this module code are Pass or Fail.

For a grade of Pass on the entire course, the student must have been awarded at least the grade of E for module code 2301 and a grade of Pass for module code 2302.

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, the student must be admitted to the Master of Science (120 credits) programme in Service Management (SASMA), 120 credits.

Oral and written proficiency in English corresponding to English 6/B from Swedish upper secondary school is a requirement. International qualifications will be assessed in accordance with national guidelines.