

SYLLABUS

Social Science methodology and ethics 7.5 credits G0017N

Samhällsvetenskaplig metod och etik

Course syllabus admitted: Autumn 2023 Sp 1 - Present

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2022-02-11**

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First cycle, G0017N

Education level	Grade scale	Subject	Subject group (SCB)
First cycle	U G VG	Företagsekonomi	Business Administration

Main field of study

Business Administration

Entry requirements

In order to meet the general entry requirements for first cycle studies you must have successfully completed upper secondary education and documented skills in English language + Swedish upper secondary school courses English 6, Mathematics 3b or 3c or C, Social Studies 1b or 1a1 +1a2.

Selection

The selection is based on final school grades or Swedish Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Course Aim

Knowledge and understanding

After finalizing the course, the student shall be able to account for

- the main scientific theory perspectives
- what characterize scientific approaches and methods
- the different parts of the research process and relations among them
- ethics and gender issues related to research processes

Skill and ability

After finalizing the course, the student shall be able to

- reflect upon how different scientific perspectives could influence knowledge processes
- design a research proposal
- reflect upon how ethics and gender issues could influence research processes

Ability to critically reflect and evaluate

After finalizing the course, the student has an ability to critically reflect upon

- different forms of knowledge
- one's own and others' research processes
- the significance of ethics and gender issues on research processes

Contents

The course deal with the main scientific theory perspectives and the different parts of the research process (problem, purpose, method, theory, analysis, conclusions). Examples are predominantly drawn from business administration, but the course is also relevant to all social science research.

The course is divided into modules.

First, an overview of the main scientific theory perspectives and what characterize scientific approaches and methods are given. Second, the course deals with the different parts of the research process, from formulating problems to conclusions, and how different perspectives could influence choices in the research process. Finally, we discuss what is good research practice, ethics and how could gender issues influence the research process.

Realization

Each course occasion's language and form is stated and appear on the course page on Luleå University of Technology's website.

In the carrying out of the course, the following activities are included:

- individual studies
- lectures
- written assignments
- seminars

Examination

If there is a decision on special educational support, in accordance with the Guideline Student's rights and obligations at Luleå University of Technology, an adapted or alternative form of examination can be provided. The course objectives and expected learning outcomes are examined through completion of written assignments and seminars.

In order to receive the grade Pass (G) for the course, all tests must receive at least the grade Pass. In order to receive the grade Pass with Distinction (VG), at least 4,5 out of 7,5 credits must receive the grade VG and the remaining tests at least G.

Unauthorized aids during exams and assessments

If a student, by using unauthorized aids, tries to mislead during an exam or when a study performance is to be assessed, disciplinary measures may be taken. The term "unauthorized aids" refers to aids that the teacher has not previously specified as permissible aids and that may assist in solving the examination task. This means that all aids not specified as permissible are prohibited. The Swedish version has interpretative precedence in the event of a conflict.

Remarks

Students must register for the courses themselves, or contact ETKS educational administration eduetks@itu.se, no later than three days after the quarter commences. Failure to do so can result in the place being lost. This rule also applies to students with a guaranteed place.

Replaces a part of the course Scientific theory, research methods and ethics, G0012N .

Due to overlap, the course cannot be included in the degree together with G0012N or other course with similar content.

Course offered by

Department of Social Sciences, Technology and Arts

Modules

Code	Description	Grade scale	Cr	Status	From period	Title
0001	Test 1: Written assignment and seminar	U G#	1.5	Mandatory	A22	
0002	Test 2: Written assignment and seminar	U G VG	3	Mandatory	A22	
0003	Test 3: Written assignment and seminar	U G VG	3	Mandatory	A22	

Study guidance

Study guidance for the course is to be found in our learning platform Canvas before the course starts. Students applying for single subject courses get more information in the Welcome letter. You will find the learning platform via My LTU.

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