



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Sport Science

1IV326 Teori och metod i idrottsvetenskap 1, 7,5 högskolepoäng

1IV326 Theory and methodology in sport sciences 1, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Sport Science

Subject Group

Sport Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2023-06-12

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2024

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for university studies.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- give an account of the field of research in sports science and its importance to the development of theories and analysis tools,
- demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of scientific theories and analysis tools and the connection with different research material and the choice of method,
- examine critically research in a general manner within a relevant and current research field in sports science, in terms of analysis and method.

Content

The course discusses in a general way the craft of scientific writing within the field of sports science with reference to the main parts of the work process: problem definition, purpose and research questions, the current state of the research, and theoretical and methodological application.

The course starts with a discussion about research design and the research process. The

course provides an overall introduction to the basic features within a number of scientific perspectives and their importance to our understanding of the development and form of sports science.

The course also provides knowledge of more general analysis tools and their relation to previous research in sports science. The emphasis placed on previous research thus lays the foundation of the work in the course in terms of relating theories and analysis tools to material as well as to the choice of method. The course is focused on qualitative and quantitative methods applied within the knowledge and research field of sports science, focusing on basic knowledge of analyses of interviews, documents, text and statistical data.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures, seminars and practical sessions.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of one individual written take-home exam and one written group assignment.

In order to receive a grade of Pass, the course objectives must be attained.

For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, the individual take-home exam requires the grade of Pass with Distinction and the group assignment must be assessed as Pass.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Gratton, Chris & Jones, Ian (2010). *Research methods for sports studies*. [Electronic resource]. 2nd ed. London: Routledge, (304 p.). ISBN: 9780415493932

Coakley, Jay J (Latest edition) *Sports in society: issues and controversies*. 13 ed. International student edition New York, NY: McGraw-Hil, (selected parts, 200 p.).

Bryman, Alan (Latest edition). *Samhällsvetenskapliga metoder*. Stockholm: Liber, (502 p.).

Hållsten, Stina, Moberg, Bodil, Schött, Kristina & Strand, Hans (Latest edition). *Studentens skrivhandbok*. [updated] edition. Stockholm: Liber, (176 p.).

Scientific publications equivalent to 100 pages are also included.