



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Science and Engineering
School of Computer Science, Physics and Mathematics

1MA161 Geometri och algebra, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Geometry and algebra, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Mathematics

Subject Group

Mathematics

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-08-11

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

Prerequisites

Basic Mathematics 7,5 Higher Education Credits, Vector Geometry 7,5 Higher Education Credits or equivalent.

Expected learning outcomes

The student should be able to

- describe, in a broad sense, the structure of Euclid's Elements, and of axiomatic systems in general
- solve problems of Geometry concerning triangles and circles
- account for the interplay between Geometry and Algebra
- know basic parts about Conic Sections, and be able to solve problems in that area, mostly concerning tangents and normals
- know the basic Projective Geometry, and be able to solve some basic problems in that area
- derive the symmetry groups for plane figures
- account for three classic geometric "unsolvable" problems
- compare different approaches to geometric problems

Content

- Measuring of lengths, areas and volumes
- Euclid's Element. Axiomatic systems
- Theorems about triangles and circles

- Constructions with ruler and compasses
- Problem solving
- Geometry and algebra – an interplay. Symmetry groups of plane figures
- Conic Sections
- Projective Geometry. basic elementary parts; theorems of Desargues, Pascal, Brianchon and Pappus.
- Three classical "unsolvable" geometric construction problems; something about number fields

Type of Instruction

Lectures and seminars. Compulsory assignments may be given during the course.

Examination

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

On request, students may have their credits translated to ECTS-marks. Such a request must be sent to the examiner before the grading process starts.

The student's knowledge is assessed in the form of written examinations. Furthermore, continuous assessment can be used during the course.

Course Evaluation

After the course a written evaluation of the course will take place according to the University guidelines.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Anders Tengstrand. *Åtta kapitel om geometri*. Studentlitteratur, 2005. 240 (311) pages.