



Course syllabus

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

2IK004 Grundläggande vetenskapliga metoder, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Basic Scientific Methods, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Informatics

Subject Group

Informatics/Computer and Systems Sciences

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by the Board of the School of Computer Science, Physics and Mathematics
2009-12-04

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2011

Prerequisites

At least 45 credits in informatics/information logistics or equivalent.

Expected learning outcomes

The student will deepen their knowledge of informatics as a research topic and their ability to evaluate and consider the use of different methods in relation to a research problem.

After completing the course students will be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge of informatics as a research topic
- demonstrate an understanding of the meaning of basic scientific concepts
- carry out information and literature search
- motivate, evaluate and select the method of approach/s in relation to the issue
- describe and explain the pros and cons of various scientific methods in both quantitative and qualitative data collection
- use basic scientific methods of quantitative and qualitative data collection (survey-design and query templates)
- use basic scientific methods of quantitative and qualitative data analysis
- be familiar with the structure and form of scientific papers
- understand and evaluate scientific papers.

Content

The course covers:

- scientific literature search
- report format according to the requirements for degree project/first cycle paper
- practical training in data collection instrument (survey, questionnaire)
- theory and practice approaches in the field of computer science
- presentation of scientific problem/design report for a scientific paper in the relevant field.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

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.

Assessment of student performance is made through written test and/or oral examinations and/or presentation of mandatory assignments. The main form of examination is determined at the start of the course.

Students who do not pass the regular examination will be offered retrials close to the regular examination.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of the University. The result of the course evaluation will be filed at the department.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Creswell, John W., *Research Design. Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*. Sage Publications. 2009. 3rd Edition. 260 pages.

Jacobsen, Dag Ingvar, *Vad, hur och varför. Om metodval i företagsekonomi och andra samhällsvetenskapliga ämnen*. Studentlitteratur. 2002. 503 pages.

Beynon-Davies, *Introduction to Informatics*. Sage.2006. 100 pages.

DFM, Compendium of articles, app. 100 pages.

Supplementary reading

Chalmers, A. F., *Vad är vetenskap, egentligen?*, Nya Doxa, 1994.

Järvinen, P., *On Research Methods*. Tampere: Tampereen Yliopistopaino, 2001.

Eliasson, Annika, *Kvantitativ metod från början.*, Studentlitteratur.2006. 169 pages.