



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Media and Journalism

2MK71E Examensarbete, 15 credits

Thesis

Main field of study

Media and Communication

Subject Group

Media and Communication Studies

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G2E

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Arts and Humanities 2021-11-23

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2023

Prerequisites

At least 60 credits of passed first-cycle courses in the main field of study.

Objectives

After completing the course, the student should be able to

- identify, formulate, and research a research problem that falls under media and communication studies
- use and argue for relevant methods in media and communication studies; independently gather empirical material; and conduct an academic study based on this material
- present and discuss information, problems, and solutions in speech and in writing, and present their own research results in accordance with established academic norms, by writing an academic thesis based on relevant theory, method, research-ethics, and empiricism
- assess relevant academic, social, and ethical aspects, based on research
- defend their own research project
- critically discuss another student's research project.

Content

The course consists in writing an academic thesis under supervision. The project should

result in a degree project in media and communication studies. The course includes peer-review of another student's degree project.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lectures, supervision, and seminars.

Examination

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

The degree project should be conducted independently, in pairs or individually.

The course is examined through a written and an oral presentation of an academic thesis at a seminar, defence of the thesis, and peer-review of another student's thesis.

In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must have achieved the course objectives. Grading criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction will be communicated in writing when the course starts.

If the university has decided that a student is entitled to special pedagogical support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to adapt the exam or to let the student conduct the exam in an alternative way.

Resit examination is offered in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University.

Course Evaluation

During or shortly after the course, a course evaluation should be conducted. The result and analysis of the course evaluation should be promptly communicated to the students who have taken the course. Students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time should be informed of the result at the course introduction. The course evaluation is anonymous.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Backman, J. (Latest edition). *Rapporter och uppsatser*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. 223 pages.

Rienecker, L. & Stray Jørgensen, P. (Latest edition). *Att skriva en bra uppsats*. Lund: Liber. 349 pages.

Vetenskapsrådet. (2017). *God forskningssed*. Stockholm, Vetenskapsrådet. ISBN 9789173073523. 84 pages.

Additional material (for instance, academic articles) for the thesis work is chosen in consultation with the supervisor, ca 2000 pages.