



Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics
Department of Management

4FE151 Samtida entreprenörskapsforskning, 15 högskolepoäng
Contemporary entrepreneurship research, 15 credits

Main field of study

Business Administration

Subject

Business Administration

Level

Second cycle

Progression

A1F

Date of Ratification

Approved 2019-11-27.

Revised 2025-05-12. Revision of prerequisites and standard texts.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2026.

Prerequisites

Specific entry requirements:

at least 15 credits from some of the following courses; 4FE147 Sustainability, entrepreneurship and social change, 4FE148 Entrepreneurship as process and practice, 4FE 149 Entrepreneurship and context, 4FE150 Entrepreneurship and social change, and English 6, or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing this course the student should be able to:

- identify and compare theoretical and methodological perspectives of entrepreneurship research

- systematically search and identify contemporary publications in entrepreneurship research
- critically analyse and compare research publications with an emphasis on methods and theories
- critically and systematically integrate knowledge in a literature review
- critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues and plan a research project with an adequate theoretical frame of reference and methods
- identify and critically discuss scientific, social and ethical aspects of research and their own role as researchers
- communicate knowledge in the research area

Content

The course covers the following areas and concepts:

- critical analysis and comparison of research publications with an emphasis on methods and theories
- systematic search and identification of contemporary publications in entrepreneurship research
- methods for conducting a literature review
- key theoretical and methodological perspectives within contemporary entrepreneurship research
- the subject's historical development and different research traditions within entrepreneurship research
- planning of a research project with research questions, theoretical framework, and methodology
- scholarly, societal, and ethical aspects of research and one's own role as a researcher

Type of Instruction

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E or F.

The course is examined through written assignments 6.5 credits and a group written assignment 4.5 credits and oral seminars 4 credits.

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that will result in a pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as fail.

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

In the event that a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students

participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required Reading

Hart, C. *Doing a Literature Review*. SAGE. Latest edition. About 350 pages.

Saunders, M; Lewis, P. & Thornhill, A. *Research methods for business students*. Pearson Education Ltd. Latest edition. About 740 pages.

Additional study material

Scientific articles. About 1000 pages.