



Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics

Department of Management

4FE25E Examensarbete i företagsekonomi (magister), 15 högskolepoäng

4FE25E Degree Project in Business Administration (Master), 15 credits

Main field of study

Business Administration

Subject Group

Business Administration

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1E

Date of Ratification

Approved 2018-06-14

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2023

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for second-cycle studies, plus specific entry requirements:

- 90 credits within main field of study Business Administration,
- 15 credits on second level within main field of study Business Administration,
- English 6, or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing this course the student should be able to:

- independently identify and formulate limited, theoretical and empirical relevant research problem in the main field of study
- plan, conduct and write a degree project within a given timeframe, by selecting adequate methods and deal with accepted social and by handling, within the area of the thesis, established societal and research ethical aspects
- apply in-depth scientific research methods
- integrate in-depth knowledge in specific subject areas
- analyse, assess and handle complex phenomena, issues and situations

- critically review and discuss theses of other student groups (oppositions)
- independently write and orally clearly present of the degree report in dialogue with teachers, fellow students and any partner organizations / case companies

Content

The course contains a series of seminars during the process of writing of the master degree project. The work with the degree project includes definition and formulation of research problems, conducting advanced research work, composing of a master degree report and opposition to other students' work, as well as presenting results to e.g. case companies, fellow students and the examiner.

Type of Instruction

The teaching consists of tutoring and a series of seminars including small individual mini- oppositions and a major opposition.

Examination

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

The course is assessed with the grades A-F according to the Linnaeus University's grade scales, where 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.

The course objectives are examined a seminar series of oral and written presentations/defence, as well as a written master degree report (15 credits). The examination includes oral and written oppositions on degree projects, as well as a seminar series of individual mini-oppositions. Irrespective of examination method, it is the individual student's performances that are assessed and graded. Grading criteria for the A–F scale are also communicated in writing to the student by the start of the course at the latest.

For students who do not participate in regular seminars or students whose dissertation is not approved, even after completion, there is possibility of repeat examination by the next regular course date. Repeat examination is offered in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University. The date of repeat examination will be announced no later than at the final seminar. If the degree project does not reach a passing grade at the end of the course, the student's right to further tutoring ceases.

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

Course Evaluation

During the implementation of the course or in close conjunction with the course, a course evaluation is to be carried out. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are to be promptly presented as feedback to the students who have completed the course. Students who participate during the next course instance receive feedback at the start of the course. The course evaluation is to be carried out anonymously.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 5FE04E,

5FE05E, 5FE06E, 5FE07E and 5FE40E with 15 credits each.

Other

Available to students who read via a double degree agreement with Brest, Prague, Rennes, MGIMO, ICN Nancy, ESCE, etc.)

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Guidelines for the degree project in Business Administration (School of Business and Economics), latest edition.

Scientific literature is chosen in consultation with the tutor.