



Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics
Department of Management

4FE534 Contemporary Issues in Management, 15 högskolepoäng
Contemporary Issues in Management, 15 credits

Main field of study

Business Administration

Subject

Business Administration

Level

Second cycle

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2017-10-04.

Revised 2024-04-08. Revision of examination and scored examination component.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2024.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for second cycle studies and specific entry requirements, Bachelor Degree in Business Administration or in another social science main field of study, or the equivalent. English 6, or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing this course the student should be able to:

- describe, discuss and critically reflect upon selected contemporary issues in management
- identify and summarize the major practical implications of the selected issues for organizations as well as for society at large

- reflect upon the implications of the selected issues from a leadership perspective
- independently identify and argue for other relevant contemporary issues in management as well as gathering scientific knowledge and present the issue to the class

Content

The exact themes for emphasis will alter as contemporary issues change. Some of the themes that might be focused upon are:

- talent management
- organizational learning and knowledge management
- crosscultural management
- managing diversity
- creative processes and innovation
- identity and the meaning of work in contemporary organizations

Type of Instruction

The course consists of several different forms of learning opportunities, including lectures, seminars, presentations and group assignments. The international composition of the learning environment is naturally used as an important asset in the discussion of the contemporary issues in management from a global perspective.

Examination

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

The course is examined through two individual written assignment of each 5 credits, and a group work assignment, which is presented orally and in writing 5 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.

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:
4FE413 with 7.5 credits.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

The literature is decided by the examiner, in collaboration with participating lecturers, prior to each course. The literature includes scientific articles, book chapters and/or books of about 800 pages.