



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Social Studies

4FU420 Metoder för fältarbete i freds- och utvecklingsarbete, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Methods of field work for Peace and Development, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Peace and Development Studies

Subject Group

Peace and Development Research

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1F

Date of Ratification

Approved 2014-11-19

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2019

Prerequisites

- 30 ECTS in Peace and Development Studies at advanced level, or the equivalent
- English course B

Objectives

After having completed the course students are expected to be able to:

- present relevant methodological approaches to field studies within international development cooperation; and
- plan, implement and report field studies built on insights and knowledge about relevant methodological approaches.

Content

The main purpose of this course is to develop students' abilities regarding practical field methods, bringing together theories, frameworks and methodologies from earlier modules. Students work in groups on projects proposed by local organisations, where they investigate an issue from the perspective of the local community and then present what they have found. Teaching consists of training workshops and group tutorials, where different methods for carrying out fieldwork are learned and progress in the projects are discussed. The course is hands-on, and the main part of the course consists of planning and carrying out interviews, participant observation and participatory workshops in a local field site.

Type of Instruction

Lectures, seminars and group work in the field.

Examination

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

Grade A is the highest grade and all other grades follow a falling scale in which grade E is the lowest grade to pass the course. A grade F means that the student has failed the course. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

Students who have failed the course (in other words, got an F) during the ordinary course examination date will receive the opportunity to go through an additional examination shortly after the ordinary course examination date.

Assessment is carried out through individual writing assignments, as well as participation in seminars and lectures.

Students are evaluated on the basis of papers and active participation in seminars and lectures.

Course Evaluation

Course evaluations are made through active dialogue with students during the courses as well as through a written evaluation system. Evaluation results are discussed with students.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 4FU412, credit overlap, 7.5 credits.

Other

The course is given within the Master programme of Peace and Development Work, and as an elective course at advanced level.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Course literature

Mikkelsen, Britha (2005) *Methods for Development Work and Research*. SAGE, 280 pages.

O'Reilly, Karen (2009) *Ethnographic Methods*. Routledge, London & New York.