



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Studies

4FU42E Examensarbete i freds- och utvecklingsarbete, 15 högskolepoäng

Thesis in Peace and Development Work, 15 credits

Main field of study

Peace and Development Studies

Subject Group

Peace and Development Research

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1E

Date of Ratification

Approved 2014-11-19

Revised 2021-04-22 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Revision of the entry requirements and addition of standard text under Examination and Course Evaluation.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2022

Prerequisites

Approved results from 4FU415, 4FU416, 4FU417, 4FU418 and approved memorandum (PM) from the course 4FU419

Objectives

After having completed the course, students should be able to:

- independently define and formulate a relevant research problem which contributes to the knowledge within the chosen field,
- independently choose and apply relevant theoretical and methodological tools,
- collect, process and analyse empirical and theoretical material,
- defend the thesis in a public discussion and examination seminar as well as critically examine, evaluate and give constructive criticism to fellow students' theses.

Content

The thesis work can be carried out in different forms. In addition to the traditional form of academic thesis work, it can be carried out in the form of supervised field work in a developing country, or in the form of a project evaluation within international development or peace work. The work is done individually or, in case of field work, in pairs.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists mainly of supervision, individually or in groups.

Examination

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

Grade A represents the highest grade on the scale, and the subsequent grades follow in descending order, where grade E is the lowest grade that qualifies as a Pass. A grade of F means that the student's performance is assessed as Fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is permitted to supplement his/her examination.

Examination of the course takes place in the final thesis seminar, where the student's thesis is discussed. The student shall also serve as the student reviewer for other theses, orally as well as in writing.

The course grade is set based on a weighted assessment of the quality of the study and the student's achievements at the public discussion and examination of another student's thesis.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

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: 4FU41E, total credit overlap, 15 credits.

Other

Additional costs for travel, accommodation and living in connection with field studies in a developing country are paid for by the students themselves.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Literature is chosen in cooperation with the supervisor.