



Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics
Department of Economics and Statistics

4NA081 Avancerad arbetsmarknadsekonomi, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Advanced Labour Economics, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Economics

Subject

Economics

Level

Second cycle

Progression

A1F

Date of Ratification

Approved 2020-06-24.
Revised 2026-05-11. Prerequisites.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2027.

Prerequisites

Specific entry requirements:
7.5 credits in microeconomics, 7.5 credits in econometrics, English 6/English level 2, or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing this course the student should be able to:

- describe, explain and critically discuss labour economics theories and their implications
- describe, explain and critically discuss the analytical tools and empirical methods which are used to test theories in empirical research

- describe, explain, and critically discuss the findings, conclusions and policy implications of the research discussed in the course

Content

The course covers advanced theories in labour economics and their empirical applications, such as:

- Human capital
- The wage structure
- Technological change
- Minimum wages
- Immigration and the labour market
- Unemployment and unemployment insurance
- Discrimination and inequality in the labour market
- Labour market policy and labour market institutions

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 an individual written examination 4 credits and an individual written report that is presented and discussed at a seminar 3.5 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: 4NA051 and 4NA071 with 7,5 credits each.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Scientific articles. About 1000 pages.