



Course syllabus

Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

Department of Psychology

4PS013 Vetenskapsteori och psykologins historia, 7,5
högskolepoäng

Philosophy of science and history of psychology, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Psychology

Subject Group

Psychology

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Health and Life Sciences 2014-05-19

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2014

Prerequisites

General requirements for studies at second cycle level plus special prerequisites:

- 90 credits in Psychology (including thesis/degree project or the equivalent)
- English B or the equivalent

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, the student shall:

- describe the historical emergence of industrial and organizational psychology
- describe the philosophical and methodological premises supporting research in the area

Content

- theory of science and history science of psychology, with particular focus on I-O psychology
- different methodological approaches and their relevance for different types of conclusions
- methodological conditions and limitations normally related to I-O psychological research questions

- the most important historical I-O psychological theories based on their scientific and philosophical and theoretical support
- presentation of the philosophical and scientific premises of a seminal study in the area of I-O psychology, chosen by the student

Type of Instruction

Apart from attending lectures, the student will study literature, seminar assignments, and papers. The methods of teaching presuppose the student's active participation in all course modules.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Examinations through oral and written presentation of a paper at a seminar. The expected study aims must be met for the grade Pass.

Course Evaluation

Upon completion of the course, a written course evaluation is carried out. The evaluation is compiled and fed back to the students, and archived according to departmental regulations.

Other

The course is part of SAPS2 program. Expenses that may occur during the course are paid by the student.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Wertheimer Michael (2012). *A Brief History of Psychology*. 5th Edition. Psychology Press LTD. UK. P. 325 (325 pages) ISBN: 9781848728752

Chalmers Alan Frances (1999). *What Is This Thing Called Science? An assessment of the nature and status of science and it's methods*. Open University Press. UK. P. 288. (288 pages) ISBN: 9780335201099

Robbins, S.P., Judge, T.A., & Vohra, N. (2012). *Organizational behavior (15 ed.)*. New York: Pearson. ISBN: 9789332500334. Selected parts.

Articles according to teacher's instructions.