



Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics
Department of Organisation and Entrepreneurship

4TR410 Tourism and Ecological Economics, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Tourism and Ecological Economics, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Tourism Studies

Subject Group

Tourism and Recreation Studies

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by School of Business and Economics 2016-08-23

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2016

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for studies at second cycle and specific entry requirements; at least 45 credits from the master program Tourism and Sustainability and English B/6 or equivalent.

Objectives

After completing this course the student is expected to be able to:

- account for approaches and underlying concepts in the transdisciplinary field of ecological economics
- identify the significance of the laws of thermodynamics for the understanding of the development of ecosystems and economies
- designate the steady state economy in relation to economic policies and political aspects
- apply appropriate tools from ecological economics to address environmental issues in tourism

Content

The course gives an introduction to concepts and tools of the transdisciplinary field ecological economics. It focuses on ecological and economic sustainability of human societies as grounds for addressing environmental issues in tourism.

Type of Instruction

The course is a reading course with student-led seminars and individual supervision. Obligatory parts are stated in the schedule.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.
The course is examined by a written essay.

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.

After each regular examination there will be at least one new examination in close proximity to the date the results of the regular exam were posted. A minimum of five occasions for written exams will be offered in relation to the syllabus to which the student was accepted. Usually three occasions per academic year are offered. Students that fail reports can complement after instructions from the examiner to obtain a pass grade.

Grading criteria for the A–F scale are communicated in writing to the student by the start of the course at the latest, as well as how grades on separate elements of examination are weighed to a final course grade.

Course Evaluation

During the implementation of the course or in close connection to the course a course evaluation is to be carried out. Result and analysis of the course evaluation is to be presented as feedback both to the students who have completed the course and to the students who are to participate on the course the next time it is offered. The course evaluation is to be carried out anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Brown, P.G. & Timmerman, P. *Ecological Economics for the Anthropocene: An Emerging Paradigm*. Columbia University Press. New York. Latest edition. About 490 pages.

Costanza, R., Cumberland, J.H., Daly, H., Goodland, R., Norgaard, R.B., Kubiszewski, I. & Franco, C. *An Introduction to Ecological Economics*. CRS Press. Boca Raton, London, New York. Latest edition. About 380 pages.

Additional study material

Scientific articles, about 100 pages.