



## Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics  
Department of Organisation and Entrepreneurship

4TR520 Methodology, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
Methodology, 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 2016-01-15

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2016

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements for studies at second cycle and specific entry requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in tourism studies or in another social science main field of study or equivalent
- English B/6 or equivalent
- 20 credits on the second level in tourism studies or equivalent

## Objectives

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

- distinguish traditions within the philosophy of social science
- demonstrate knowledge of social science methodology in Tourism Studies
- develop a research design
- make a research proposal for a master thesis

## Content

The course contains an overview of traditions within the philosophy of social science, including contemporary issues and debates. It covers social science methodology in Tourism Studies, and gives the student the opportunity to specialize in one or several research methods. The course is directly preparatory for the master thesis in that it covers research design and research proposal.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars and supervision. Obligatory parts are stated in the schedule.

## Examination

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

Oral and written examination. Detailed information about examination and grading criteria is stated in a separate course description available to students at course start.

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/module 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 readings**

Hall, C.M., Gössling, S., and Scott, D. [eds.] (2015): *The Routledge Handbook of Tourism and Sustainability*. Abingdon: Routledge.

**Additional study material** Additional study material is selected by the student upon agreement with the teacher.