



## Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics  
Department of Economics and Statistics

5NA01E Nationalekonomi, examensarbete (master), 30  
högskolepoäng  
Economics, degree project (Master), 30 credits

### **Main field of study**

Economics

### **Subject**

Economics

### **Level**

Second cycle

### **Progression**

A2E

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2020-06-24.

Revised 2026-05-25. Prerequisites, content and standard texts.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2027.

### **Prerequisites**

30 credits in economics at advanced level including 7.5 credits in econometrics, English 6/English level 2, or the equivalent.

### **Objectives**

After completing this course the student should be able to:

- identify and formulate a well-founded research question within an specialised area of economics
- identify and evaluate scientific studies with both direct and indirect relevance for the own research question

- identify the research frontier in the chosen area within economics and relate the own research question to the research frontier
- identify an adequate theory and apply it to the selected question
- with the help of knowledge of advanced methodology identify an appropriate method and apply it to the selected question
- compile the capabilities and limitations of the selected theories and methods
- answer the selected research question based on the chosen theory and method and on time and in writing account for the above points in a scientifically correct way
- orally present, communicate and defend the results in a scientific way
- in a popular scientific way, orally present and communicate the results
- scientifically review and, in a constructive way, criticise other studies

## Content

The course covers the following areas and concepts:

- Independent scientific work in economics
- Research design
- Economic theory – selection and application
- Empirical method – selection and application
- Results analysis and interpretation
- Scientific writing
- Oral presentation
- Opposition and defence
- Critical review of scientific works

## Type of Instruction

The teaching consists of lectures, tutoring and seminars.

## Examination

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

The course is assessed with the grades A-F according to the Linnaeus University's grade scales, where 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.

The course objectives are assessed through seminars with individual and group oral and written presentations/defences and oppositions, as well as a written independent project (30 credits).

For students who do not participate in regular seminars or students whose dissertation is not approved, there is possibility of repeat examination by the next regular course date. If the independent project does not reach a passing grade at the end of the course, the student's right to further tutoring ceases.

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:  
4NA07E with 15 credits.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

### **Required reading**

McCloskey, D.N. *Economical Writing*. Waveland Press. Latest edition. About 110 pages.

Neugeboren, R. *Student's Guide to Writing Economics*. Routledge. Latest edition. About 100 pages.

### **Additional Study Material**

Additional literature is chosen by the teacher or selected in consultation with the supervisor. About 1000 pages.