



Programme syllabus

School of Business and Economics

Marknadsföring, masterprogram, 120 högskolepoäng

Marketing, Master Programme, 120 credits

Level

Second Level

Date of Ratification

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Prerequisites

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

- Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, with a minimum of 30 credits in Marketing
- English 6 or the equivalent

Description of Programme

The two-year master program in Business Administration with specialization in Marketing offers students from around the globe to develop analytical thinking and expertise in Marketing. All students with different backgrounds practice marketing research and the application of marketing management theories in the first course, which is called “Applied Marketing Analysis”. The second course illustrates the key aspects of “International Marketing Strategy” such as international market entry and international branding. In the second semester “Managing Innovation and Entrepreneurship” discusses what managers need to organize successful innovation. Research Methodology is the last course in the first year of the program. The second year offers two courses followed by the degree project. The “Contemporary Marketing Research” introduces and encourages students to analyse various styles of contemporary marketing management text. Finally, “Electronic Business Management” provides students with concepts and frameworks to manage online business activities related to e-Business in various contexts. After all courses students complete the program with a 30-credit degree project. These carefully selected courses help students to write their degree project and foster skills needed to pursue career goals.

Objectives

Central degree objectives in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance

Knowledge and understanding

For a Degree of Master (Two Years) students must

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in their main field of study, including both broad knowledge in the field and substantially deeper knowledge of certain parts of the field, together with deeper insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

Skills and abilities

For a Degree of Master (Two Years) students must

- demonstrate an ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even when limited information is available,
- demonstrate an ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues and to plan and, using appropriate methods, carry out advanced tasks within specified time limits, so as to contribute to the development of knowledge and to evaluate this work,
- demonstrate an ability to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and argument behind them, in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing, in national and international contexts, and
- demonstrate the skill required to participate in research and development work or to work independently in other advanced contexts.

Judgement and approach

For a Degree of Master (Two Years) students must

- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in their main field of study, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work,
- demonstrate insight into the potential and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it is used, and
- demonstrate an ability to identify their need of further knowledge and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge.

Programme specific objectives

- extract concrete theoretical and managerial implementations, and convey gained insights in a pedagogical manner.
- display skills to collect, analyse and apply information in a relevant decisive marketing context with academic approach.

This is in accordance with the intended learning outcomes set for a masters' degree in the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance and School of Business and Economics' mission.

Content

Organisation

The Programme is placed and taught at the School of Business and Economics.

The Programme has a programme coordinator who has overall responsibility for the Programme, who serves as representative and coordinates programme-related issues. The coordinator is responsible for the Programme's content and development and works actively for good relationships and communication. This takes place with teachers teaching the Programme by means of continuous dialogue, with programme students through a programme council and with working life through collaboration with trade and industry and interaction with other relevant stakeholders.

Programme Overview

The first year consists of four courses which are applied marketing analysis (AMA), international marketing strategy (IMS), managing innovation and entrepreneurship (MIE), and a course in research methodology at second level. During the second year a course in contemporary marketing research (CMR) is offered as well as e-business management (E-BM). The programme is completed with a degree project. All courses are given in English.

Programme courses

Year 1:

- Applied Marketing Analysis, 15 cr, A1N, (Mandatory),*

The objective of this course is to elucidate academic approaches for solving marketing managerial dilemmas. It emphasizes on the importance of data to marketers as a vital foundation to plan and develop marketing strategies that create value for the firm. Analytical techniques are the core of the course and students explore principals used in construction of marketing research. Students will be involved in an applied marketing research project. They will identify marketing problem(s), develop instrument, retrieve data, establish the methodological quality of the data collected, analyse data, interpret and present the final results in an ethical manner.

- International Marketing Strategy, 15 cr, A1N (Mandatory),*

The objectives of this course are to critically discuss advanced frames of international marketing strategy and reflect on current academic research in the field.

- Managing Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 15 cr, A1F (Mandatory),*

The objective of this course is to discuss the managerial aspects of organizing innovation in both established and entrepreneurial firms. The course explains innovation-based strategies, designing innovation processes, organizing internal and external sources of innovation, and continuously building and commercializing valuable innovations. Students practice entrepreneurship and start an innovative business in the course.

- Qualitative and Quantitative Methods and Applications, part I, 15 cr, A1F, (elective),*

The objectives of the course are to critically discuss and apply qualitative and quantitative methods within social sciences and business administration studies.

Alternatively,

- Degree project in Business Administration (master), 15 cr, A1E, (elective)*,

The degree project aims for the students to perform a master thesis within the main field of study Business Administration; independently selecting a relevant topic, conduct thesis work and opposition seminars. Overlaps, and not applicable, with the 30 credits degree project.

Year 2:

- Contemporary Marketing Research, 15 cr, A1F, (Mandatory),*

The objectives of this course are to develop logical arguments on different marketing research areas and analyse theoretical and empirical peer-reviewed articles within the marketing field. Students will synthesize, compare and contrast various texts and conduct a literature review.

- E-Business Management, 15 cr, A1F, (Mandatory),*

The objective of this course is to discuss the concept of e-business management. Related topics such as e-supply chain management and e-marketing will be covered. Students practice to analyse, assess and deal with complex e-business cases through various assignments in the course.

- Business Administration with specialization in Marketing, Degree Project, 30 cr, A2E, (Mandatory),*

The objective of this course is to plan and conduct a comprehensive degree project. Students, in an ethical manner, should independently identify a relevant research problem within the marketing area, employ relevant theories and rigorous research methods, retrieve data and analyse data, extract concrete theoretical and managerial implications from the results of the study, and write and present the degree project.

Some of the courses on the programme are studied together with students from other programmes and single subject courses and may be taught in another order.

* course in the main field of study Business Administration

A Master's programme of 120 credits must, in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance, contain at least 60 credits of specialised study in the main field, of which a degree project of at least 30 credits. At least 90 credits should comprise courses at second cycle in accordance with the local rules (Ref. no. 2014/442-1.1). Courses previously given within the same programme code, EAMF2, can also be included in the programme degree and thus replace courses with equivalent content.

Societal relevance

The degree programme has a clearly defined connection with the business sector as it builds on empirical research traditions within the subject areas in question which encompass the latest trends and changes relating to marketing. Furthermore, case study companies are used in several of the degree programme's courses as well as guest lecturers teaching in a number of different course components.

Internationalization

There is no option of exchange studies within the framework of the Programme.

Sustainable social development

Teaching methods vary between courses and can consist of lectures, tutorials and seminars. An important element of many courses is work in study groups where students train to lead discussions and seminars for a larger group. The scheduled teaching covers a small part of the working week. In addition, students need to study a lot on their own. As a student, you report your knowledge and skills individually and in groups through various forms of examination. incl. sustainable development, equal terms, a widened knowledge perspective and entrepreneurial approach, as well as other perspectives.

Quality Development

Continuous evaluation and improvement of the Programme takes place, among other things, through the University's course evaluations, where the results are handled by the programme coordinator and programme council and feedback is then provided to students and archived. Programme students actively participate in the follow-up and development of the programme through the programme council and through student representatives in the faculty-wide Education Council. All programmes of the School of Business and Economics also undergo quality analyses based on standards of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), and quality evaluations are conducted for all main subjects through the national quality assurance system, with the help of UKÄ (Swedish Higher Education Authority). The School of Business and Economics' faculty-wide quality plan governs, among other things that a recurrent programme analysis is conducted and that course evaluations are monitored. As a part of the annual university-wide survey, the Linnaeus barometer, all students are asked about their experience of their education related to different quality aspects.

Degree Certificate

After completing their studies which correspond to the requirements stated in the Higher Education Ordinance and in Linnaeus University's local Degree Ordinance, students may apply for a degree. Students, who have completed the Marketing Programme, can obtain the following degree:

Students from first cycle with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics, main field of study: Business Administration, may obtain the following degree:

Master of Science (120 credits) in Business and Economics with specialisation in Marketing
(Main field of study: Business Administration)

Students with another qualifying degree than the afore-mentioned may obtain the following degree:

Master of Science (120 credits) with specialisation in Marketing
(Main field of study: Business Administration)

The degree certificate is bilingual (Swedish/English). A Diploma Supplement (English) will be provided along with the degree certificate.

Students whom have completed one year of the programmes' two years and, meet the requirements of a master's degree (60 credits), may obtain the following degree:

Master of Science (60 credits) with specialization in Marketing
(Main field of study: Business Administration)

Other Information

In order to be admitted to the courses on the programme, the specific entry requirements stated in each course syllabus must be fulfilled by the start of the course. Should deviations be found between the Swedish and English version of this programme syllabus, the Swedish one is superior.