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Faculty of Social Sciences

SMMV18, Theory of Social Sciences, 7.5 credits
Vetenskapsteori för samhällsvetenskaper, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Service Management and Service Studies on 2019-03-20 to be valid from 2019-08-01, autumn semester 2019.

General Information

The course is included in the first semester of all the specialisations of the Master of Science (120 credits) programme in Service Management.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Service Management

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

For a Pass on the course, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- identify and critically reflect on the role of science in contemporary society
- describe, explain and compare key theories and philosophies of science

Competence and skills

- critically reflect on science as a practice
- describe and theorise the link between philosophy of science and choice of method
- demonstrate the ability to reflect in speech and writing on the link between philosophy of science and choice of method

- demonstrate the ability to plan and lead discussions and seminars

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate the ability to identify, analyse, compare and question the production and use of science in society

Course content

The aim of the course is to enable students to develop insight into the conditions, nature and role of science. It introduces different views of science and problematises the production and use of science. The topics addressed include: science in society, theory and philosophy of science and science as a practice.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, literature seminars and workshops.

Unless there are valid reasons to the contrary, compulsory participation is required in literature seminars and workshops. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or re-take compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of duties as an elected student representative.

Assessment

The assessment is based on two components:

Project work in groups (2 credits)

An individual take-home exam (5.5 credits)

The course includes opportunities for assessment at a first examination, a re-sit close to the first examination and a second re-sit for courses completed in the past year (catch-up exam). At least two further re-examinations on the same course content are offered within a year of a major change or discontinuation of the course. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grade for a non-passing result is Fail. The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

Module code 1901 is exempted from the grading scale above. The grades awarded for this component are Pass or Fail. In order to receive a grade for the course, the student must have been awarded a grade of Pass for the Group Work component. The grade of A-E for the course is determined by the grade for the individual take-home exam (module code 1902).

At the start of the course, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied on the course.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, the student must be admitted to the Master of Science (120 credits) programme in Service Management (SASMA), 120 credits.

Oral and written proficiency in English corresponding to English 6/B from Swedish upper secondary school is a requirement. International qualifications will be assessed in accordance with national guidelines.

Subcourses in SMMV18, Theory of Social Sciences

Applies from H19

- 1901 Project Work, 2,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1902 Individual Written Home Exam, 5,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A