

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Ethics and Animal Welfare

Etik och djurs välfärd

7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	BL7007
Valid from:	Autumn 2007
Date of approval:	2006-09-27
Department:	Department of Biology Education
Subject	Biology

Decision

This syllabus has been approved by the Board of the Faculty of Science at Stockholm University.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements course

Admittance to the course requires knowledge equivalent to Cell and Molecular Biology 15 credits, Diversity and Phylogeny of Organisms 15 credits, Physiology 15 credits and Ecology, Floristics and Faunistics 15 credits. (Three credits corresponds to approximately two weeks full-time studies). Swedish upper secondary school course English B or equivalent or one of the following tests. Cambridge CPE och CAE: Pass. IELTS : 6.0 (with no part of the test below 5.0). TOEFL (paper based): 550 (with minimum grade 4 on the written test part).

TOEFL (computer based): 213. TOEFL (internet based): 79.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
7007	Ethics and Animal Welfare	7.5

Course content

The course deals with the ethical aspects of our relationship with animals and discusses the behaviour of animals that live under human influence. Topics covered are stress and immune system, behavioural stereotypes, pain and consciousness, learning and cognition, animals in captivity, environmental enrichment, social groups and age structures, mental, anatomical and communicative problems as products of breeding, experimental animal science, laws and statutes.

Learning outcomes

It is expected that the student after taking the course will be able to: - give an account of the ethical aspects of animal husbandry and animal experimentation, - give an account of legislations concerning animal welfare, - plan research on welfare and wellbeing in animals

Education

The education consists of lectures, group work and seminars

Participation in group work, seminars and group education associated with this is compulsory. An examiner may rule that a student is not obliged to participate in certain compulsory education if there are special grounds for this after consultation with the relevant teacher.

Forms of examination

a. Examination for the course is in the following manner: measurement of knowledge takes place through: Written and/or oral examination.

b. Grading is carried out according to a 7-point scale related to learning objectives:

A = Excellent

B = Very Good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Sufficient

Fx = Fail

F = Fail

c. Grading criteria for the course will be distributed at the start of the course.

d. A minimum grade of E is required to pass the course, together with:

* approved written and oral presentations

* participation in all compulsory education.

e. Students who fail to achieve a pass grade in an ordinary examination have the right to take at least further four examinations, as long as the course is given. The term "examination" here is used to denote also other compulsory elements of the course. Students who have achieved a pass grade on an examination may not retake this examination in order to attempt to achieve a higher grade. Students who have failed to reach a pass grade on two occasions have the right to request that a different teacher be appointed to set the grade of the course. A request for such appointment must be sent to the departmental board.

Interim

Students may request that the examination is carried out in accordance with this syllabus even after it has ceased to apply. This right is limited, however, to a maximum of three occasions during a two-year-period after the end of giving the course. A request for such examination must be sent to the departmental board.

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The course is a component of the Master's Programme in Biology, and it can also be taken as an individual course.

Required reading

Course literature is decided by the departmental board and is described in an appendix to the syllabus.