

Syllabus

for course at first level

Bachelor's Thesis in Business Administration
Kandidatuppsats i företagsekonomi

15.0 Higher Education Credits
15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	FE3920
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Department	Stockholm Business School
Main field:	Företagsekonomi
Specialisation:	G2E - First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree project for BA/BSc

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Undergraduate Studies Committee (Grundutbildningsnämnden) at Stockholm University School of Business on 2009-06-09 and revised on 2010-01-21.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Prerequisites are Business Administration I (30 HE credits) and at least 18 HE credits in Business Administration II, or the equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
3920	Bachelor Thesis	15

Course content

A bachelor thesis is characterised by its focus on the philosophy of science and research methodology. The course covers how to study a phenomenon from a social sciences approach and according to social sciences procedures. The course also examines how theory is used to problematise a phenomenon or to interpret and analyse empirical materials.

The course consists of the empirical and theoretical study of a problem in business administration, the study of the philosophy of science and research methodology as relevant to the student's own thesis work and the writing of preparatory assignments, reviews and a bachelor thesis.

Learning outcomes

The overall aim of the course is for the student to practice thinking, working and writing scientifically, as well as to practice applying theoretical concepts and perspectives to an empirically oriented problem.

After completion of the bachelor thesis, the student is expected to be able to

- identify, formulate and scientifically study an empirically oriented problem in business administration
- discuss, analyse and apply theory to the problematising process and to the analysis of empirical data
- explain and state the reasons for the choice of research approach, using arguments based on the philosophy of science and research methodology
- demonstrate accuracy and skill in working with text and the formalities of academic writing
- review scientific work, both the student's own and that of others, using scientific, societal and ethical arguments.

Education

The course consists of discussion seminars, individual supervision and the discussion and examination of theses.

The language of instruction is Swedish. The course is given as resources allow.

Forms of examination

Course activities that are examined and graded are

- the writing of a thesis
- the written reviews and seminar discussions of another student's thesis
- the public defence of the student's own thesis.

Grades are given in accordance with a criterion-referenced grading scale. A-E are passing grades. Fx and F are failing grades. Grading criteria are presented in the course outline.

To receive a passing grade for the course the requirements are a grade of E or higher and

- completed reviews and preparatory assignments
- attendance at compulsory seminars.

When a thesis has been examined and has received a passing grade, the student is not allowed to hand in another thesis in order to receive a higher grade. If a thesis is graded Fx, the student is allowed to hand in a supplemented version of the thesis in order to receive a grade of E. If a supplemented version of the thesis is not handed in within three months, Fx is converted to F. When a thesis has received the grade of F, the student has the right to write another thesis with another supervisor to obtain a grade of E or higher. It is possible to do so up to four times.

Interim

If the course is discontinued, or if substantial changes are made to course content, students have the right to be examined according to this course syllabus for the upcoming three semesters.

Limitations

The course cannot be counted towards a degree along with another course with the same or similar content, completed in Sweden or abroad.

Misc

The course makes up part of the Bachelor's programmes at the School of Business as well as the free-standing course Business Administration III.

Required reading

The reading list is decided in consultation with the supervisor. A list of reference literature is presented in the course outline.