

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Human Behaviour: Biology and Culture**  
**Människans beteende: biologi och kultur**

**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	BL7037
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2012
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2017-11-21
<b>Department</b>	Department of Biology Education
<b>Main field:</b>	Biology
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

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

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admittance to the course requires knowledge equivalent to 120 credits, including 60 credits in one of the following subjects: archaeology, biology, psychology, sociology or equivalent. (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
HELA	Human behaviour: biology and culture	7.5

## Course content

The course deals with human behaviour from a multidisciplinary perspective that includes ethology together with evolutionary biology, archaeology, anthropology, history and psychology as important components. It provides basic concepts in biology, psychology and human sciences relevant to human behaviour, social life and origins. Some important issues for the course is cultural change and genetic evolution, the long-term history of humans, the interaction between hereditary and the environment, and social behaviour. The course will give insights of different perspectives on human behaviour and deals with the empirical support for those perspectives.

## Learning outcomes

It is expected that the student after taking the course will be able to: • give an account of what we, basically, know about the history of mankind • show insights on different perspectives on human behaviour and critically examine them • give an account of the empirical studies that support and those that do not support the different perspectives.

## Education

The education consists of lectures, seminars and literature exercises  
Participation in seminars, literature exercises 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 examination as well as written and oral presentations.

If the instruction is in English, the examination may also be conducted in English.

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

F<sub>x</sub> = 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:

• participation in all compulsory education

e. Students who fail an ordinary examination are entitled to sit additional examinations as long as the course is offered. There is no restriction on the number of examinations. Examinations also include other obligatory elements of the course. Students who have passed an examination may not resit it in order to achieve a higher grade. Students who have failed on two occasions are entitled to request the appointment of a different examiner for the next examination. Any such request must be made to the departmental board.

f. The course has at least two examinations for each academic year in the years in which instruction is provided. Intervening years include at least one examination.

f. Students awarded the grade F<sub>x</sub> are given the opportunity to improve their grade to E. The examiner decides the supplementary assignments to be performed and the pass mark criteria. The supplementary assignments will take place before the next examination session.

### **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.

### **Limitations**

The course can not be included in a degree together with the course Human Ethology 5 p (BI3670) or the equivalent.

### **Misc**

The course is a component of the Master's Programme in Biology and Ethology, 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.