

Stockholm Business School

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Reflective Practice
Reflekterande praktik

30.0 Higher Education Credits
30.0 ECTS credits

Course code: FE5622 Valid from: Autumn 2012 Date of approval: 2012-05-14

Department Stockholm Business School

Main field: Företagsekonomi

Specialisation: AXX - Second cycle, in-depth level of the course cannot be classified

Decision

This syllabus has been decided on by the academic dean of the Stockholm University School of Business 2012-05-14.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

The prerequisite is 90 ECTS in Business Administration or similar. Only students with an internship agreement approved by the Stockholm Business School will get access to the course.

Course structure

Examination codeNameHigher Education Credits5622Reflective Practice30

Course content

The course is structured around three main activities:

- a seventeen-week training period in which work is combined with practical guidance and the continuous and reflective writing of a work diary;
- a three-week supervised writing period during which a theoretically grounded and critically reflective practice essay is written;

Learning outcomes

The overall purpose of this course is that students should be given the opportunity to translate theoretical knowledge into professional experience, thereby enriching their overall knowledge, skills and abilities in the field of business studies. The internship course may also serve as preparation for a subsequent master's thesis, where empirical studies and data collection are essential.

Following completion of the course, the student is expected to:

Knowledge and Understanding

- explain what in particular characterizes practical, action-based knowledge;
- discuss the differences between theoretical and practical knowledge;

Competence and Skill

- implement a theoretically based, reflective analysis of the experience of the internship, in which literature from both this course and earlier program courses will be used;

Judgement and Approach

- critically reflect upon and evaluate whether and if so how the skills acquired through training can be translated into practical experience, and conversely, how practical experience can be used to develop theoretical, science-based reasoning;
- independently formulate and evaluate the theoretico-practical training elements of importance and relevance to a future career.

Education

This course includes the following modules:

- an internship in an organization in Sweden or abroad;
- a series of practically-oriented tutoring sessions during the internship;
- daily writing of a reflective work journal;
- writing of assignments;
- supervised writing of a critically reflective practice essay;
- a peer review process of the practice essays.
- the language of instruction is English

Forms of examination

Examination

The examination consists of:

- the writing of a literature exam;
- the writing of a course essay;
- the writing of assignments;
- the writing of a work diary;
- peer-reviewing;
- a work experience certificate signed by the internship supervisor.

Grading

Grades are given in accordance with a criterion-based scale where A, B, C, D and E are passing grades and Fx and F are failing grades and where the grade Fx is possible to supplement in order to obtain the grade E. Receiving a final grade for the course requires the grade E in all individual parts of the examination.

Credits

A credit in the form of an increased final grade is given for thorough and critically reflective assignments. The credit applies only to the regular examination session that takes place during the same semester as the course is given. The credit is thus forfeited when the course is completed.

Grading criteria and assessment areas

Gradin criteria and assessment areas will be communicated in the study guide at course start.

Miscellaneous

Students having received the grade E or higher in the final examination are not allowed to retake the

examination. Students who receive a grade of Fail is entitled to take at least four additional examinations as long as the course is given in order to achieve a passing grade.

Interim

In the event of major changes to the content or the required readings of the course, or suspension of the course altogether, students are entitled to an opportunity to retake the examination according to the present syllabus once each semester during the subsequent three semesters after the change has taken effect.

Limitations

The course cannot be included as part of a degree in conjunction with other similar courses accomplished at other universities in Sweden or abroad.

Misc

The course is offered as part of various study programmes at Stockholm University School of Business and may also be offered as a single subject course.

Required reading

Required and supplementary readings are determined by the Education Committee and will be announced at the beginning of each semester the course runs.