

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Method Project

Metodprojekt

7.5 Higher Education

Credits

7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	MK7029
Valid from:	Spring 2015
Date of approval:	2014-08-20
Department	Department of Media Studies
Main field:	Communications Studies/Media and Communication Studies
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was established by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2014-08-20.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in Media and Communication Studies, including a thesis of 15 ECTS credits or equivalent.
English B/6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
MEPR	Method Project	7.5

Course content

Method Project builds upon the student's experience of method application from previous methodology courses. This means that tuition and exercises are partially individualised, with varying focus on quantitative or qualitative methods. The course includes method exercises in the form of limited pilot studies based on research questions formulated by the students, with combinations of methods in focus. The purpose of the course is to give students applied skills within at least two methods relevant to Media and Communication research.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student should have;

- improved understanding of central methodological questions within Media and Communication Studies;
- the ability apply at least two different academic research methods relevant for studying media;
- the ability to relate critically to these, and other methods, as well as to their own research results.

Education

Tuition takes place in the form of tutoring, exercises, and seminars. All teaching is mandatory. Assignments and critique/peer assessment of another student's project report are mandatory.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined through a written project report and a written take-home exam. For more detailed information, please see the course description.

b.) Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent
B = Very good
C = Good
D = Satisfactory
E = Adequate
Fx= Inadequate
F = Fail

c.) Written grading criteria are announced when the course begins.

d.) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade E minimum on all mandatory assignments and attend 100% of classes. Grading principles and criteria are described in the detailed course description. Exceptions to the attendance rule are made in case of illness or under other special circumstances. The student may then be required to submit a supplementary assignment.

e.) For each course occasion, at least two opportunities for examination must be offered during the same semester. At least one examination opportunity shall also be given during semesters or years when the course is not offered. Students with a passing grade (E or higher) may not retake the exam for a higher grade. Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are particular reasons to deny students this right. Such requests should be made to the Department Board. The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade on the home assignment may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade.

f.) The supplementary assignment should be submitted within two weeks of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections are graded A-E.

Interim

When the syllabus has been discontinued, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree with other courses, completed in Sweden or elsewhere, with identical or partially overlapping content. This course overlaps entirely with MK7004 and cannot for that reason be included in the same degree.

Misc

The previous course code was MK7004.

Required reading

A course description will be made available no later than one month before the course starts. www.ims.su.se