

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Advanced Method in Human Geography and Urban and Regional Planning

15.0 Higher Education Credits

Avancerad metod i kulturgeografi och samhällsplanering

15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	KG7232
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Department	Department of Human Geography
Main field:	Urban and Regional Planning
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Human Geography on 3 March 2015 and revised on 21 February 2018.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor degree incl. 90 ECTS credits in Human Geography, Geography or Urban and Regional Planning, or equivalent, or admitted to a master programme in Human Geography or Urban and Regional Planning. English B/English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1001	Qualitative and quantitative methods	10
1002	Applied method oriented project	5

Course content

The course is examined in the following parts:
Qualitative and Quantitative Methods, 10 HECs
Applied Method Oriented Project, 5 HECs

The course provides a specialised knowledge of methods applied in human geography and urban and regional planning. Within the disciplines, a wide range of methods are applied, qualitative as well as quantitative, such as spatial statistical methods, regression analysis, interview methods, participation methods and text analysis. The course deals with both main types and gives the opportunity for in-depth study and practical work in a number of the methods during the course. Particular attention is paid to method selection and combination of methods in case studies. The course provides a good foundation for conducting independent work at the master's level, but also for applications in working life. In societal studies, the ethical dimension of the use of various methods is important, which is also discussed in the course.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student is expected to be able to:

- Independently assess and critically discuss scientific methods, their possibilities and limitations as well as explain method choices in a study.
- Contrast and explain qualitative and quantitative methods as well as their advantages and disadvantages, including ethical aspects within human geography and urban and regional planning.

– Independently be able to plan, implement and present an in-depth project with qualitative and quantitative social science methods.

Education

All scheduled education is obligatory. In case of absence from obligatory education, opportunity to participate in that education is given next time the course is given. If possible, a substitute assignment could be given, following the decision of the course coordinator.

Obligatory education is introduction, lectures, seminars, exercises and supervision as well as field work.

Language of the course is English.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined through control of knowledge of the expected study results. Examination is done by written and oral presentation of assignments. Examination of individual course parts can be found in the study guide for the course. The principles for aggregating the individual examinations are given in the grade criteria.

Examination is in English.

b. Grades are decided according to a goal-related grade-scale with seven levels:

A = Excellent

B = Very Good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Sufficient

Fx = Fail, some additional work required

F = Fail, much more work required

F and Fx are inadequate grades and in both cases, re-examination is required.

c. The course's grading criteria will be given out at the start of the course.

d. To get a course grade, at least a grade E is required on all tests.

If special reasons exist, the examiner may, after consultation with the teacher responsible, allow the student to be exempt from the obligation to participate in certain education or fulfilment of obligatory assignment. The student can then be required to do an assignment as compensation.

The course grade is a weighting of the course's exams and is done as follows:

If one or more tests have not been graded or have grades F or Fx, course grade is not given.

Passed exams are given a value where A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2 and E = 1. The tests are weighted in relation to the number of HECs and an average is calculated.

Grade A is given if the mean grade is at least 4.5

Grade B is given if the mean grade is at least 3.5 but less than 4.5

Grade C is given if the mean grade is at least 2.5 but less than 3.5

Grade D is given if the mean grade is at least 1.5 but less than 2.5

Grade E is given if the mean grade is at less than 1.5

Transferred part of course is excluded when the course grade is decided.

e. Students who have received an F or Fx on a test have the right to re-do the test, as long as the course is given, to reach a pass grade. Students who have received an E or higher on a test may not re-do the test to get a higher grade.

Students who have received an F or Fx on the same test, twice from the same examiner have the right to request that another examiner grade the test, unless there are specific reasons to deny this request. Requests to change examiner should be put to the Department Board.

f. Opportunity to complete the grade Fx to a passed grade is not given on this course.

Interim

If, in the future, the course is no longer offered, or if the course content has been significantly changed, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus three times during a three-term period. However, the stipulations listed under Forms of examination still apply.

Limitations

The course may not be included in a degree together with any other course, the content of which corresponds completely or partially to the content of the course. This applies, for example, to the course: Theory and Method in Globalization, Environment and Social Change, 15 HECs (KG7229).

Misc

This course is obligatory in the Master's Programme in Human Geography and the Master's Programme in Urban and Regional planning.

Course description, including timetable, is available at humangeo.su.se no later than one month before the course starts and study guide with further details are distributed when the course starts.

Required reading

Course literature is listed in an annex and will be posted at humangeo.su.se two month before the start of the course.