

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Human Ethology
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**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	BL7009
Valid from:	Autumn 2007
Date of approval:	2006-09-27
Department	Department of Biology Education
Subject	Biology
Specialisation:	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
7009	Human ethology	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 and/or oral examination as well as written or oral presentations.

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

Fx = 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 to achieve a pass grade in an ordinary examination have the right to take at least further four examinations, as long as the course is given. The term “examination” here is used to denote also other compulsory elements of the course. Students who have achieved a pass grade on an examination may not retake this examination in order to attempt to achieve a higher grade. Students who have failed to reach a pass grade on two occasions have the right to request that a different teacher be appointed to set the grade of the course. A request for such appointment must be sent to the departmental board.

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.

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