

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Methodology seminar**  
**Metodikseminarium**

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

**Course code:** EC7810  
**Valid from:** Autumn 2014  
**Date of approval:** 2014-01-30  
**Department:** Department of Economics

**Subject:**  
**Specialisation:** A1F - Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

This syllabus was adopted by the Board of the Department of Economics on 30 January 2014.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admission to this course requires that the student has completed first-cycle courses in economics worth at least 60 higher education credits, of which 30 credits must be from the intermediate level. The student must have completed the following courses: MA1005 Mathematics (7.5 credits), EC7110 Microeconomics (7.5 credits), EC7210 Macroeconomics (7.5 credits), EC7410 Econometrics 1 (7.5 credits), and EC7411 Econometrics 2 (7.5 credits), or acquired equivalent knowledge in another way. English proficiency equivalent to English B/English 6 in Swedish upper secondary school is also required.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
780A	Presentation of assignments	7.5

## Course content

The course aims to introduce students to general scientific theory and economic research methods, as well as train students in academic writing and in the oral and written presentation of research findings. At the end of the course, each student will write and orally present a pilot study that could constitute the basis for a master's thesis in economics.

## Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to:

- \* Be familiar with the structure of an academic thesis in economics and know how to present such a thesis both orally and in writing.
- \* Be able to write and orally present a pilot study for an academic thesis in economics.

## Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures and seminars. The language of instruction is English.

## Forms of examination

The course is examined on the basis of written assignments, one of which is a pilot study for an academic

thesis that should also be presented orally at a seminar.

Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course. Passing grades are A, B, C, D, and E, where A is the highest grade and E the lowest. Failing grades are F and FX, where F is lower than FX.

Assessment criteria:

\* A (Excellent): In the scientific theory assignment, the student has demonstrated excellent insight into general scientific theory and economic research methods, as evidenced by a very good command and understanding of the course content, well-executed and nuanced arguments with a certain level of originality, as well as references to appropriate research literature other than the required reading. In addition, the student has completed and received a passing grade on a pilot study, as well as a seminar presentation of this study.

\* B (Very Good): In the scientific theory assignment, the student has demonstrated very good insight into general scientific theory and economic research methods, as evidenced by a very good command and understanding of the course content, well-executed and nuanced arguments, as well as references to relevant research literature other than the required reading. In addition, the student has completed and received a passing grade on a pilot study, as well as a seminar presentation of this study.

\* C (Good): In the scientific theory assignment, the student has demonstrated good insight into general scientific theory and economic research methods, as evidenced by a good command and understanding of the course content as well as a demonstrated ability to discuss these topics independently. In addition, the student has completed and received a passing grade on a pilot study, as well as a seminar presentation of this study.

\* D (Satisfactory): In the scientific theory assignment, the student has demonstrated satisfactory insight into general scientific theory and economic research methods, as evidenced by a sufficient command of the course content and a demonstrated ability to discuss simple applications of these topics. In addition, the student has completed and received a passing grade on a pilot study, as well as a seminar presentation of this study.

\* E (Adequate): In the scientific theory assignment, the student has demonstrated adequate insight into general scientific theory and economic research methods, as evidenced by a sufficient command of most of the course content and the ability to explain this content. In addition, the student has completed and received a passing grade on a pilot study, as well as a seminar presentation of this study.

\* FX (Inadequate): In the scientific theory assignment, the student has not demonstrated sufficient insight into general scientific theory and economic research methods, and/or has not completed a pilot study and/or a seminar presentation of this study.

\* F (Totally Inadequate): In the scientific theory assignment, the student has demonstrated a total lack of insight into general scientific theory and economic research methods, and/or has not completed a pilot study and/or a seminar presentation of this study.

### **Interim**

If the course is discontinued, students have the right to be examined on the course once per semester for three further semesters.

### **Misc**

The course can only be taken as part of the Master's Programme in Economics, but may be included in another Master's programme at Stockholm University if the Department of Economics so decides (provided that the syllabus of that programme allows it).

### **Required reading**

\* Articles and lecture notes. Listed on the course website.