

Introduction to third-cycle studies and research literacy I, 1.5 credits

Introduktion till studier på forskarnivå och forskningslitteracitet I, 1,5 högskolepoäng

Course code:	FOID003
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Level of education:	Third cycle level
Language:	English

Course objective

The aim of the course is to increase the participants' knowledge and understanding of the premises for doing research and being a doctoral student, with consideration for the different third-cycle subjects at Mälardalen university (MDU). The course provides guidance and support to start third-cycle studies at MDU and facilitates the understanding of interdisciplinary perspectives.

Course content

- University organization and overview of different third-cycle subjects
- Rules and regulations at MDU, as well as support functions for doctoral students
- Supervisor-doctoral student relationship and the supervision process
- The general syllabus and the individual study plan, and the intended learning outcomes of third-cycle studies

Intended learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the participants will be able to:

1. understand rules and regulations for the third-cycle studies at MDU.
2. identify and formulate issues and research questions related to third-cycle studies in different subjects and disciplines.

3. collaborate with supervisors and co-manage their supervisory relationships.
4. map personal and professional competence and plan competence development.

The intended qualitative targets in the Higher Education Ordinance, appendix 2.

Knowledge and understanding

For the Degree of Doctor, the doctoral student shall demonstrate:

- A1: broad knowledge of the research field, and

Competence and skills

For the Degree of Doctor, the doctoral student shall demonstrate:

- B5: the ability to identify the need for further knowledge.

Teaching formats

The intended knowledge, competence and skills will be gained through attendance to lectures and seminars that include discussions and critical reasoning.

Examination

OBN1: Compulsory attendance, 1 hp (Learning outcomes 1-4)

INL1: Writing assignment, 0.5 hp (Learning outcome 4)

Grade

Examinations included in the course are assessed according to a two-grade scale, fail or pass.

Grades are to be decided by a teacher specially appointed by the university.

In case participants miss part of a session, they will be given the opportunity to supplement it with a written assignment.

Requirements

To participate in the course and the examinations included in the course, the applicant must be admitted to third-cycle studies at Mälardalen University.

Selection criteria

Doctoral students admitted to other higher education institutions may be admitted to the course, subject to availability. Selection of applicants will be made in accordance with the ranking below.

1. Doctoral students at Mälardalen University
2. Doctoral students at other universities