

Syllabus for Theory Building

Att skapa och skriva teori

7,5 credits

Course code: FHS0147

Education cycle: Third cycle

Main field of study: Business Studies

Grading system: FOG One-grade scale (G pass)

Established: 2021-02-03

Established by: The Department Board

Applies from: week 5, 2021

Entry requirements:

Admitted as a PhD Student at an institute of higher education in Sweden or abroad.

Proficiency in English.

Responsible department: The Department of Business Studies

DECISIONS AND GUIDELINES

The course is open for doctoral students.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The aim of this course is for the student to learn how to understand what social science theory is, how it is created and how it can be evaluated.

CONTENT

The course is structured around a number of questions that provide a rounded approach to theory building. The PhDs will read a mix of classic texts in the field of sociology, management and a few economists – along with more contemporary texts on ‘how to’ theorize as well as nice examples of theorizing.

INSTRUCTION

Every class is centered around a question, which is broken down into one or more hand-in assignments. Every class focuses on a few readings, which the student needs to have read extensively prior to class.

The format of the class is an academic seminar that addresses the topic of the day, primarily with a basis in the readings assigned and with the assigned task.

ASSESSMENT

The student will get one single grade, equivalent to 7.5 credits.

The course is examined through an essay in the form of a theoretical essay of a maximum of 15 pages of a quality that it can be submitted for review to a journal. This means that the essay is of such a quality that it is not desk rejected but could be sent out for review.

If there are special reasons for doing so, an examiner may make an exception from the method of assessment indicated and allow a student to be assessed by another method. An example of special reasons might be a certificate regarding special pedagogical support from the University’s disability coordinator.

Uppsala University does not accept cheating or plagiarism. Suspected incidents of cheating or plagiarism are reported to the Vice-Chancellor, who may issue a formal warning to the student or suspend the student from studies for a certain period.

NOTE: Only completed courses can count toward a degree.