



COURSE SYLLABUS

The Sustainable Enterprise - Social and Ecological Perspectives, 15 credits

The Sustainable Enterprise - Social and Ecological Perspectives, 15 högskolepoäng

Course Code: JSEK17	Education Cycle: Basic level
Confirmed by: Council for Undergraduate and Masters Education Oct 26, 2016	Disciplinary domain: Social sciences
Revised by: Council for Undergraduate and Masters Education Jan 25, 2018	Subject group: FE1
Valid From: Jan 15, 2018	Specialised in: GIF
Version: 2	Main field of study: Business Administration
Reg number: IHH 2017/5192-313	

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

On completion of the course, the students will be able to

Knowledge and understanding

1. explain theories, concepts and models of sustainable development and socially and ecologically sustainable enterprises,
2. explain the major challenges and opportunities for building a sustainable enterprise in international and diverse environments,

Skills and abilities

3. identify business opportunities for different markets for sustainable products and services,
4. develop strategies for building socially and ecologically sustainable enterprises,

Judgement and approach

5. analyze the feasibility of socially and ecologically sustainable products, services and/or enterprises, and
6. reflect on the role of responsibility for enterprises in society with regards to social and ecological sustainability

Contents

This course introduces students to concepts in the fields of sustainable development and social and ecological sustainability. The course provides frameworks to create, scale and replicate sustainable enterprises as a means of eliminating poverty and/or ecological deterioration. The course pays particular attention to the regulatory and voluntary frameworks that sustainable enterprises are expected to relate to, in connection with these themes – at the local, regional and international level.

The content reflects the various aspects relevant in developing a sustainable enterprise including:

- sustainable development and sustainability – including human ecology,
- challenges of poverty, exclusion, environmental degradation and climate change,
- perspectives on economic growth and implications for sustainability
- regulatory and voluntary frameworks for enterprise development– including system thinking and triple bottom line,
- concepts and models describing sustainable organizations – including social enterprises and ecological enterprises,
- creation and development for different markets – including the bottom of the pyramid and the lifestyle of health and sustainability, and
- sustainable product design and business modelling for launching, scaling and replicating a sustainable enterprise.

Type of instruction

Lectures, seminars, guest lectures, tutoring, group projects, individual learning journal, seminar discussion, and presentations.

The teaching is conducted in English.

Prerequisites

15 credits in Business Administration or Economics or equivalent.

Examination and grades

The course is graded A, B, C, D, E, FX or F.

The intended learning outcomes (ILO) are examined through the following assessments:

Assessment block 1 consist of a group project and a written examination:

Group project 1, value 1 credits ILO´s 1, 2 and 5

Written examination, value 4 credits ILO´s 1-6

Assessment block 2 consist of a group project, a learning journal, and a written examination:

Group project 2, value 3 credits ILO 1, 2 and 5

Learning journal, value 3 credits ILO 6

Written examination, value 4 credits ILO 1-6

The final course grade is given after each part of the examination is passed.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Assessment block 1	5 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F
Assessment block 2	10 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F

Course evaluation

It is the responsibility of the examiner to ensure that each course is evaluated. At the outset of the course, evaluators must be identified (elected) among the students. The course evaluation is

carried out continuously as well as at the end of the course. On the completion of the course the course evaluators and course examiner discuss the course evaluation and possible improvements. A summary report is created and archived. The reports are followed up by programme directors and discussed in programme groups and with relevant others (depending on issue e.g. Associate Dean of Education, Associate Dean of faculty, Director of PhD Candidates, Dean and Director of Studies). The next time the course runs, students should be informed of any measures taken to improve the course based on the previous course evaluation.

Other information

JIBS students are expected to maintain a strong academic integrity. This implies to behave within the boundaries of academic rules and expectations relating to all types of teaching and examination.

Copying someone else's work is a particularly serious offence and can lead to disciplinary action. When you copy someone else's work, you are plagiarizing. You must not copy sections of work (such as paragraphs, diagrams, tables and words) from any other person, including another student or any other author. Cutting and pasting is a clear example of plagiarism. There is a workshop and online resources to assist you in not plagiarizing called the Interactive Anti-Plagiarism Guide. Other forms of breaking academic integrity include (but are not limited to) adding your name to a project you did not work on (or allowing someone to add their name), cheating on an examination, helping other students to cheat and submitting other students work as your own, and using non-allowed electronic equipment during an examination. All of these make you liable to disciplinary action.

Course literature

Robért, Karl-Henrik et al. (2012) *Sustainability Handbook: Planning strategically towards sustainability*, Lund: Studentlitteratur.

Wiek, A., Withycombe, L., & Redman, C. L. (2011). *Key competencies in sustainability: a reference framework for academic program development*. *Sustainability Science*, 6(2), 203-218.

A reading list of articles will be made available at the start of the course.