



COURSE SYLLABUS

Master Thesis in Media and Communication Science with Specialization in International Communication, 15 credits

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| Course Code: | LTMT26 | Education Cycle: | Second-cycle level |
| Confirmed by: | Director of Education May 21, 2015 | Disciplinary domain: | Social sciences |
| Valid From: | Jan 25, 2016 | Subject group: | MK1 |
| Version: | 1 | Specialised in: | A1E |
| Reg number: | HLK 2015/1868-313 | Main field of study: | Media and Communication Science |

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

On completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- describe and discuss the applied research field from theoretical and empirical perspectives
- demonstrate the ability to use data bases for academic information search

Skills and abilities

- demonstrate the ability to independently carry out an empirical study
- demonstrate the ability to apply theories in a scientific work

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate the ability to critically analyse and evaluate scientific work
- demonstrate the ability of academic argumentation
- demonstrate the ability to express well-founded criticism in scientific texts

Contents

- Produce a pro memoria for thesis
- Empirical data collection and analysis
- The design and production of scientific documents
- Critical analysis of scientific texts
- Academic argumentation

Type of instruction

Tuition is in the form of seminars about students' thesis manuscripts and supervision individually and/or in groups.

The course uses a digital learning platform.

Students who have been admitted to and registered on a course have the right to receive

tuition/supervision for the duration of the time period specified for the particular course to which they were accepted. After that, the right to receive tuition/supervision expires.

The teaching is conducted in English.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and a Bachelor's degree (i.e. the equivalent of 180 ECTS credits at an accredited university) with at least 60 credits in media and/or communication studies, journalism, or equivalent. English proficiency is required. Also are completed courses required in:

- A1N courses equivalent to 15 credits in Media and Communication Sciences, for example Global Media Cultures, 15 credits, or Sustainable Communication, 15 credits or the equivalent.
- A1F course Research Methods in International/Intercultural Communication, 15 credits or the equivalent.

Exemption is granted from the requirement in Swedish.

Examination and grades

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

The grades A, B, C, D and E are all passing grades. For courses with more than one examination, students are given a final grade based on an overall assessment of all examinations included in the course. The final grade of the course is issued only when all course units have been passed.

The examination must allow for students to be assessed on an individual basis. Students may not make a second attempt at any examination (or element of examination) already passed in order to receive a higher grade. Further information concerning assessment and grading criteria is provided in a study guide at course start.

If a student has failed the same examination three times, the student is entitled to request that the next examination is assessed and graded by a new examiner if possible. Such a request should be addressed to the Managing Director and be in writing.

If the contents and/or literature of the course is changed, examination according to the present course syllabus shall be offered during one year after the change. Students are guaranteed a minimum of three examination occasions, including the regular occasion. After that, examination according to the present course syllabus is granted on a case-by-case basis.

Should the course be terminated, examination shall be offered for two years after the final course occasion. Thereafter, examination is granted on a case-by-case basis.

Registration of examination:

| Name of the Test | Value | Grading |
|------------------|------------|----------------|
| Master thesis | 15 credits | A/B/C/D/E/FX/F |

Course evaluation

The course is evaluated according to the regulations and guidelines for the first, second and third cycle education at Jönköping University.

Course literature

Chosen in consultation with the supervisor.

Reference literature

Search and Write (2014). *Citing Sources – How to Create Literature References, APA (Harvard)*. University Library: Jönköping University. <http://hj.se/bibl/en/search--write/citing-sources---how-to-create-literature-references/apa-harvard.html>

Information material about Anti-Plagiarism at universities. *The Interactive Anti-Plagiarism Guide – Jönköping University*. <http://pingpong.hj.se/public/courseId/10565/publicPage.do>