

Course Syllabus

Theory of Science for the Human Sciences 7.5 Credits*, Second Cycle

Learning Outcomes

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

- systematically explain concepts, methods and theories from within the general theory of science as well as the theory of science from the human sciences,
- discuss fundamental issues from the field of human sciences and reflect upon the place the human sciences have among other sciences.

Furthermore, upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- critically evaluate theoretical positions and empirical results in field of the human sciences,
- reflect upon and argue for research findings in the human sciences.

Furthermore, upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- make appropriate assessments relating to research ethics with regard to research questions within the human sciences.

Course Content

The course covers key concepts, methods, theories and problems within the theory of science in general and the human sciences in particular.

Issues covered include the origin of meaning, the justification of interpretations, knowledge of other minds, the redundancy or impossibility of intercultural understanding, the fairness in individual and cultural differences, the implications of the contingency of human institutions, the question of whether truth is relative or absolute, the ethical norms for research, and the difference between the natural sciences and the human sciences.

Assessment

Assessment is based on active participation in seminars, written assignments and a minor written essay.

Forms of Study

The course consists of lectures and mandatory seminars. The language of instruction is English.

Grades

The Swedish grades A–F.

Prerequisites

Bachelor Degree of 180 credits in the field of Humanities, Social Sciences or Education and English 6

Subject:

Philosophy

Group of Subjects:

Philosophy

Disciplinary Domain:

Humanities, 100%

This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:

1. Intercultural Literature Studies

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. A1N

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