



HS 2016/258

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board for Arts and Social Sciences on 26 February 2016 and is valid from the autumn semester of 2016 at Karlstad University. Replaces previous syllabus of 4 May 2000.

Doctoral discipline

Information Systems

Course title

Structure and Content of a PhD thesis

Credits

7.5

Degree Level

Doctoral

Language of Instruction

English. Individual supervision is offered in both Swedish and English.

Target group

Doctoral students in information systems

Aims

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to analyse and clarify:

- the structure and content of a thesis from a research perspective,
- criteria for the degree of originality, credibility and communicability of a doctoral thesis.

The aim of the course is to provide the knowledge, competence and skills necessary for writing a thesis.

Course Content

The course introduces the suitable reference frames for interpreting and analysing doctoral theses. Students then complete an independent analysis of three chosen theses in information studies. The works are to be chosen from other research environments than they themselves belong to. The selection is made in consultation with the main supervisor. The course comprises the following components:

- Writing a thesis in different international cultures
- Supervision as thesis “coaching”
- The role of the external reviewer in the thesis process

