

Introduction paper, 10 credits

Syllabus approved:

Prerequisites

Admitted as doctoral or licentiate student at SLU.

Objective

The aims of the course are to:

- Get an overview of the field of research and to identify the needs for new research areas within this field.
- Translate student's own research project into this context and discuss its potential in relation to societal development.

Learning outcomes

After the course the student must:

- Demonstrate broad knowledge and a systematic understanding within the research field.
- Demonstrate an ability to identify and formulate issues within the research field.
- Demonstrate an ability to identify the need of further knowledge within the research field.

Content

To write a review paper with own perspective based on international peer-reviewed literature and other relevant material within the research field.

Pedagogical form

Literature studies

Timetable

The introduction paper must be published or accepted for publication within the first two years after admittance to research education at SLU.

Examination form

A written paper published in Epsilon or in a peer-reviewed journal (for instructions see attachment 1)

Marking scale

Pass or fail

Course leader and examiner

The main supervisor

Responsible unit

The Faculty of LTV

Location

Attachment 1, How to publish the introductory paper

- **Epsilon**

The introductory paper must be written and examined by the main supervisor within the first two years of the research education. When the introductory paper is uploaded in Epsilon, the main supervisor writes a certificate and sends to the director of PhD-studies.

- **Peer-reviewed journal**

Two-step process if you want to write a review paper:

- Doctoral/licentiate student writes a report within the first two years and the main supervisor examines the report.
- The main supervisor writes a certificate of approval and sends to the Director of PhD-studies.
- A notification of approval within the stated time is registered in Ladok.
- The doctoral/licentiate student can now enroll the supervisors (or other researchers) in the writing process to be able to publish a review paper in a scientific journal.
- To be able to get the 10 credits, the review paper needs to be accepted before the public defence. If that is impossible, the introductory paper must be published as a report in Epsilon.
- When the review paper is accepted for publication, the main supervisor writes a certificate stating when and where the review paper was published. The certificate is sent to the director of PhD-education and registered in Ladok.