
General syllabus for the doctoral programme in the subject of:

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY

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Department(s) to which the syllabus applies
URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Subject code:
NLLAGH01

The intended outcomes and the design of programmes can vary between faculties (see point 3. Miscellaneous).

Agricultural history is a historical discipline which includes natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. The subject concerns agricultural production and its technical development, social and economic conditions, people in agrarian societies and their relation to nature, the landscape and society in general.

Regulations for third-cycle (doctoral) education at SLU

Third-cycle (doctoral) education is regulated by the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 1993:100) and the Ordinance for the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SFS 1993:221).

In addition, SLU has regulations for the following:

- recruitment and admission, in Admission regulations for third-cycle (doctoral) education (SLU-ID: SLU.ua.2018.1.1.1-930)
- joint programmes leading to a double or joint degree
- supervision
- scope and content of programmes
- planning and follow-up of programmes
- procedure when a course or programme is unsatisfactory
- examination
- degrees.

These are described in Guidelines for doctoral education (SLU-ID: SLU.ua.2015.1.1.1-2467).

A general syllabus must indicate the following: the main content of the programme, specific entry requirements and any other regulations required. All general syllabuses must be approved by the faculty board.

The programme is delivered in a way that allows doctoral students to meet the qualitative targets for third-cycle courses and programmes specified in the *Higher Education Ordinance's Annex 2 – Qualifications Ordinance*:

Qualitative targets according to the Qualifications Ordinance: Degree of Doctor

Outcomes

For the Degree of Doctor the third-cycle student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- *demonstrate broad knowledge and systematic understanding of the research field as well as advanced and up-to-date specialised knowledge in a limited area of this field, and*
- *demonstrate familiarity with research methodology in general and the methods of the specific field of research in particular.*

Competence and skills

- *demonstrate the capacity for scholarly analysis and synthesis as well to review and assess new and complex phenomena, issues and situations autonomously and critically;*
- *demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues with scholarly precision critically, autonomously and creatively, and to plan and use appropriate methods to undertake research and other qualified tasks within predetermined time frames and to review and evaluate such work;*
- *demonstrate through a dissertation the ability to make a significant contribution to the formation of knowledge through his or her own research;*
- *demonstrate the ability in both national and international contexts to present and discuss research and research findings authoritatively in speech and writing and in dialogue with the academic community and society in general;*
- *demonstrate the ability to identify the need for further knowledge and*
- *demonstrate the capacity to contribute to social development and support the learning of others both through research and education and in some other qualified professional capacity.*

Judgement and approach

- *demonstrate intellectual autonomy and disciplinary rectitude as well as the ability to make assessments of research ethics, and*
- *demonstrate specialised insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used.*

Outcomes

For a Degree of Licentiate the third-cycle student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- *demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of research including current specialist knowledge in a limited area of this field as well as specialised knowledge of research methodology in general and the methods of the specific field of research in particular.*

Competence and skills

- *demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues with scholarly precision critically, autonomously and creatively, and to plan and use appropriate methods to undertake a limited piece of research and other qualified tasks within predetermined time frames in order to contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as to evaluate this work;*
- *demonstrate the ability in both national and international contexts to present and discuss research and research findings in speech and writing and in dialogue with the academic community and society in general, and*
- *demonstrate the proficiency required to participate autonomously in research and development work and to work autonomously in some other qualified capacity.*

Judgement and approach

- *demonstrate the ability to make assessments of ethical aspects of his or her own research;*
- *demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and*

1. Programme content and scope

The programme contains two main elements: research and coursework.

Research

While studying, the student shall conduct independent research work corresponding to 165 credits. A licentiate degree requires 80 credits. This is presented in a thesis. The thesis may be submitted as a compilation thesis or as a monograph. The thesis should be written in English or Swedish.

The thesis must be of good scientific quality and be relevant to the research within the chosen subject field. The requirement that the thesis be an individual work does not exclude the possibility of it being part of a larger research project. The thesis should be an original work and meet the customary scientific quality requirements. A monograph must meet the same quality requirements as a compilation thesis.

A compilation thesis comprises 3–5 papers, all of which must be of such a standard that they may be published in peer-reviewed, international scientific publications. The summarising section of a compilation thesis (“kappa” in Swedish) must place the student's work in an international academic context and provide a synthesis of the different papers.

Courses

The student is required to undertake coursework which corresponds to **75** higher education credits for a Degree of Doctor, or **40** higher education credits for a Degree of Licentiate. The courses include general courses such as statistics, theory of knowledge, research methodology, monitoring of scientific journals and teaching in higher education, as well as elective subject courses. The courses are chosen in consultation with the principal supervisor. The doctoral student is expected to participate in the department's seminars and is encouraged to participate in seminars and conferences, nationally or abroad, to a suitable extent and in consultation with the principal supervisor.

According to the 2015 guidelines for doctoral education (SLU ua 2015.1.1.1-2467), all doctoral and licentiate degrees at SLU must include at least 3 credits of theory of knowledge and research ethics. These courses should e.g. cover rules on cheating and plagiarism.

2. Specific entry requirements

Those admitted must meet the following specific entry requirements.

Knowledge corresponding to at least 90 credits in agricultural history or related subjects, as assessed by the supervisory group for agricultural history.

3. Miscellaneous

Each faculty offering the third-cycle subject can choose to specify specialisations or requirements in addition to the general syllabus. These requirements must be documented in an annex.