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## General syllabus for the doctoral programme in the subject of:

### ECONOMICS

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Department to which the syllabus applies  
ECONOMICS

Subject code  
NLEKNA00

The goals and design of the programme may vary between departments (see 4. Miscellaneous)

#### *Regulations for third-cycle (doctoral) education at SLU*

These can be found in the [Guidelines for third-cycle \(doctoral\) education](#) (reg. no SLU ua Fe.2012.40-3218) and [Admission regulations for third-cycle \(doctoral\) education at SLU](#) (reg. no. SLU ua Fe.2012.4.4-3467). These governing documents lay out rules and recommendations for *entry requirements, recruitment and admission, joint programmes leading to a double or joint degree, scope and content of the programme, planning and follow-up of the programme, procedure when a course or study programme is unsatisfactory, examination and degrees.*

General study plans for subjects within the doctoral studies can provide additional, subject-specific rules in addition to these joint rules. This document specifies the subject-specific rules for the subject economics. In other respects the third-cycle studies in this subject shall adhere to the Guidelines for third-cycle education and the Admission regulations for third-cycle education at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

#### *1. Purpose and objectives*

After completing the programme, the student should be familiar with the general tools of science as well as the research methods that are typical of the subject field economics. The purpose is to meet the qualitative targets for third-cycle studies specified in the Higher Education Ordinance, Annex 2 – Qualifications ordinance.

## 2. *Entry requirements*

Those admitted shall meet the following specific entry requirements.

Specific entry requirements for the subject are at least 90 credits in economics. Some broadening is also recommended through courses in adjacent fields such as mathematics, statistics and business administration.

## 3. *Scope and content of the programme*

The programme contains two main elements: research and coursework.

### Research

During their studies, the student shall carry out independent research work, corresponding to 150 credits for a doctoral degree or 75 credits for a licentiate degree, which is presented in a thesis. The thesis may be submitted as a compilation thesis or as a monograph. Quality-wise, the thesis shall be on a level where it is considered in its entirety to meet the requirements for around three publishable articles in high quality journals. In cases where there are co-authors, the required number of published articles increases correspondingly.

### Courses

The student is required to undertake coursework which corresponds to at least **90** credits for a Degree of Doctor, and at least **45** credits for a Degree of Licentiate. These studies shall include suitable general courses as well as individually selected subject courses.

When planning the course-related studies, it is important to aim for the following:

- specialising in economics
  - econometrics, statistics etc.
- complementary subject knowledge in the chosen specialisation  
general research methodology and teaching in higher education

The compulsory requirements are 7.5 credits each in mathematics for economists, econometrics and macroeconomics, and 15 credits of microeconomics. Normally, 15 credits each in mathematics for economists, microeconomics, econometrics and macroeconomics is recommended.

## 4. *Miscellaneous*

Further information about third-cycle studies is available in SFS 2006:1053, and information about grants can be found in SFS 1995:938 as amended by 1998:81 (reprint), 1998:161 and 2006:1053. Information about third-cycle studies at SLU is available in the Admission regulations for third-cycle (doctoral) education (reg. no SLU ua 41-1482/07) with the annex to the Board's decision of 26 April 2007, reg. no SLU ua 41-1482/07, the Vice-Chancellor's decision and the guidelines for doctoral education at the Faculty of Natural Resources and Agricultural Science (reg. no SLU ua 40-1244/08). Each department to which the third-cycle subject

area is linked can choose to specify requirements in addition to those in this study plan. These requirements are to be specified in an annex.

*5. Annexes*

There are no annexes.