

Decision Theory

Single subject and programme course

6 credits

Beslutsteori

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Valid from: 2016 Autumn semester

Determined by

The Quality Board at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

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Offered for the last time

Autumn semester 2024

Main field of study

Statistics

Course level

Second cycle

Advancement level

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Course offered for

• Master's Programme in Statistics and Machine Learning

Entry requirements

- Bachelor's degree equivalent to a Swedish Kandidatexamen of 180 ECTS credits in one of the following subjects:
 - statistics
 - mathematics
 - applied mathematics
 - o computer science
 - engineering
- Completed courses in
 - o calculus
 - o linear algebra
 - statistics
 - o machine learning
 - $\circ \ programming$
- English corresponding to the level of English in Swedish upper secondary education (Engelska 6/B) (Exemption from Swedish

Intended learning outcomes

After completion the course, the student should on an advanced level be able to:

- use statistical methods for decision making,
- apply the principles for subjective probability interpretation, Bayesian inference, utility theory and sequential analysis in order to make a decision,
- critical assess the presumptions for each step in a decision making process



Course content

The course content comprises:

- The subjective interpretation of probabilities
- Probabilistic reasoning and likelihood theory,
- Bayesian hypothesis evaluation,
- Decision theoretic elements
- Utility and loss functions
- Graphical modelling as a tool for decision making
- Sequential analysis

Teaching and working methods

Assignments encompassing both theoretical and computer-based exercises. One final oral examination.

Detailed information about the examination can be found in the course's study guide.

Examination

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Grades

ECTS, EC

Department

Institutionen för datavetenskap

