

# Theory and Method in Scientific Work

Programme course

15 credits

Vetenskapsteori och forskningsmetod

941A06

Valid from: 2020 Spring semester

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The Board of Educational Science

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2019-09-10

## Main field of study

Special Education

## Course level

Second cycle

## Advancement level

A1X

## Course offered for

- Special Educational Needs Programme

## Entry requirements

45 HE credits approved in the Special Education Programme or equivalent.

## Intended learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student should have:

- The knowledge and ability to independently plan and motivate a scholarly study
- Advanced knowledge of research methods and scientific starting-points
- The ability to formulate and argue for a problem formulation within a problem area relevant to the profession
- Developed a scholarly approach
- The ability to critically review, analyse and give response to scholarly texts

## Course content

Knowledge of both quantitative and qualitative methods in the research process is covered in the course. Knowledge of scientific starting-points and the different stages of the research process are also covered; definition of a problem, literature search, data collection and processing, analysis and interpretation of data. Continuously during the major part of the course, the student produces a minor essay as a preparation for a future scholarly assignment.

## Teaching and working methods

The teaching takes the form of field studies, literature studies, lectures, student active seminars and oral and written assignments, individually and in groups.

## Examination

The course is examined through oral and written presentations of field and course assignments, individually and in groups.

Applies to all courses regardless of grading scale.

- Students failing an exam covering either the entire course or part of the course two times are entitled to have a new examiner appointed for the reexamination.

If the course has a three-graded grading scale (U - VG), following applies:

- Students who have passed an examination may not retake it in order to improve their grades.

The following applies to courses that include a compulsory component:

- If special circumstances prevail, and if it is possible with consideration of the nature of the compulsory component, the examiner may decide to replace the compulsory component with another equivalent component.

If the LiU coordinator for students with disabilities has granted a student the right to an adapted examination for a written examination in an examination hall, the student has the right to it. If the coordinator has instead recommended for the student an adapted examination or alternative form of examination, the examiner may grant this if the examiner assesses that it is possible, based on consideration of the course objectives.

## Grades

Two-grade scale, U, G

## Other information

Course revised 2020-04-02; Dnr LiU-2020-01361

Planning and implementation of a course must take its starting point in the wording of the syllabus. The course evaluation included in each course must therefore take up the question how well the course agrees with the syllabus.

The course is carried out in such a way that both men's and women's experience and knowledge is made visible and developed.

### **About teaching and examination language**

The teaching language is presented in the Overview tab for each course. The examination language relates to the teaching language as follows:

If teaching language is Swedish, the course as a whole or in large parts, is taught in Swedish. Please note that although teaching language is Swedish, parts of the course could be given in English. Examination language is Swedish.

If teaching language is Swedish/English, the course as a whole will be taught in English if students without prior knowledge of the Swedish language participate. Examination language is Swedish or English (depending on teaching language).

If teaching language is English, the course as a whole is taught in English. Examination language is English.

## Department

Institutionen för beteendevetenskap och lärande