

Scientific Methods, Analysis and Statistics

Programme course

6 credits

Vetenskaplig metod, analys och statistik

NBIB44

Valid from: 2017 Spring semester

Determined by

Board of Studies for Chemistry, Biology
and Biotechnology

Date determined

2017-01-25

Main field of study

No main field of study

Course level

First cycle

Advancement level

G1X

Course offered for

- Biology, Bachelor´s Programme

Specific information

The course is scheduled for the last time 2017. The course is replaced by NBIB50 Scientific Methods.

Entry requirements

Note: Admission requirements for non-programme students usually also include admission requirements for the programme and threshold requirements for progression within the programme, or corresponding.

Intended learning outcomes

Having completed the course, the student should be able to:

- analyse and report experimental data according to scientific methodology
- critically examine scientific and pseudo-scientific texts

Course content

Applied statistics, the scientific methodology and critical thinking is introduced at lectures. Students have teacher-led exercises in applying statistical analysis on experimental data using computer software. Student groups collect and analyse experimental data generated at parallel courses. The analysis is presented in a written report. The analysis and course literature is discussed during seminars.

Teaching and working methods

Lectures, seminars and computer sessions.

The course runs over the entire spring semester.

Examination

LAB1	Laboratory work and written reports	2.5 credits	U, G
UPG1	Written test	1 credits	U, G
UPG2	Seminar	1 credits	U, G
MOM1	Seminars	1.5 credits	U, G

Grades are given as 'Fail' or 'Pass'.

Grades

Two-grade scale, U, G

Department

Institutionen för fysik, kemi och biologi

Director of Studies or equivalent

Agneta Johansson

Examiner

Lars Westerberg

Course website and other links

<https://www.ifm.liu.se/edu/coursescms/NBIB44/>

Education components

Preliminary scheduled hours: 34 h

Recommended self-study hours: 126 h

Course literature

Hultén, Hultman & Eriksson 2007. Kritiskt tänkande. Liber. Ruxton & Colegrave 2010. Experimental Design for the Life Sciences. 3rd ed. Oxford. Dytham 2010. Choosing and using statistics. A biologist's guide. 3rd edition. Wiley-Blackwell.

Common rules

Regulations (apply to LiU in its entirety)

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