

# Optimization in Logistics

Programme course

6 credits

Optimering inom logistik

TNSL17

Valid from: 2017 Spring semester

**Determined by**  
Board of Studies for Industrial  
Engineering and Logistics

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## Main field of study

Applied Mathematics, Logistics

## Course level

First cycle

## Advancement level

G2X

## Course offered for

- Air Transportation and Logistics
- Civic Logistics

## 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.

## Prerequisites

Basics in optimization (especially network and integer programming) and logistics

## Intended learning outcomes

The aim of this course is to present a number of application areas within logistics, where quantitative methods are especially suitable.

After the course, the students should:

- Compute cost allocation using quantitative methods
- Model and solve simple time tabling and scheduling problems
- Know of basic methods for transportation planning and vehicle routing
- Understand in which way more efficient planning in logistics can increase sustainability
- Know of different applications, where vehicle routing is an important part
- Know methods and considerations necessary when doing Strategic Network Planning
- Know and apply basic methods for localization
- Know of necessary considerations in Multilevel inventory control
- Know and apply basic methods for solving the Traveling Salesman Problem
- Know different types of problems in Machine Scheduling and solve simple problems
- Apply construction-, improvement- and the principles behind Tabu search heuristics

## Course content

The course contents include:

- Mathematical modeling of Strategic Network Planning (Supply Chain Design)
- Gravitation models for localization
- Location/routing problems
- Multilevel inventory control
- The Traveling Salesman Problem, and solving it using constraint generation
- Construction heuristics
- Vehicle routing problems, and solving these using heuristics, and by formulating a Set Partitioning Problem
- Scheduling of employees
- Machine sequencing
- Cost allocation using Activity Based Costing and Cooperative Game Theory
- Vehicle routing relating to e-trade
- Principles behind relaxations
- Basic improvement heuristics/local search
- Principles behind Tabu search

## Teaching and working methods

The course will consist of lectures, lessons, seminars and laboratory work. The lectures, which primarily are given as recorded sections, downloadable from the course homepage, will discuss the main part of the theoretical content, while the seminars will be dedicated to case works and assignments. The lessons will be used for calculation exercises. The seminars are used to discuss larger areas of theory, as well as discuss cases/assignments, and the laboratory work will mainly consist of computer assisted exercises and assignments.

## Examination

LAB1	Laboratory work	1 credits	U, G
UPG1	Case study	2 credits	U, G
TEN1	Written examination	3 credits	U, 3, 4, 5

Good Projects & Laboratory work, with corresponding reports, may lead to higher course grade than grade on the individual assignments

## Grades

Four-grade scale, LiU, U, 3, 4, 5

## Other information

*Supplementary courses:*

Larger logistics projects, Thesis work

## Department

Institutionen för teknik och naturvetenskap

## Director of Studies or equivalent

Erik Bergfeldt

## Examiner

Stefan Engevall

## Course website and other links

<http://www.itn.liu.se/~steen17/>

## Education components

Preliminary scheduled hours: 48 h

Recommended self-study hours: 112 h

## Course literature

### Additional literature

#### Books

Lundgren, Jan, Rönnqvist, Mikael, Värbrand, Peter, (2008) *Optimeringslära*

ISBN: 9789144053141

Lund : Studentlitteratur, 2008

## Common rules

Regulations (apply to LiU in its entirety)

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