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Degree project in Environmental Management and Policy

IMEM01, 30 credits, A (Second Cycle)

Valid for:
Decided by: PLED W
Date of Decision: 2018-03-22

General Information

Main field: Environmental Management and Policy. Depth of study relative to the degree requirements:
Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits).
Compulsory for: XA_EMP2
Language of instruction: The course will be given in English

Aim

The aim of the degree project is to allow the student to develop and demonstrate the knowledge and skills required to independently design and implement, an interdisciplinary and applied research project, that clearly demonstrates scholarship within the field of environmental management and policy.

Through the research process, the student will also further develop their understanding of a specific phenomenon and/or problem related to Environmental management and/or policy.

Finally, the course aims to allow the student to strengthen her/his ability to write academic texts that are clear and interesting, presenting well-constructed arguments supported by rigorous data collection and analysis, as well as to further the student’s ability to present and defend their research orally.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding
For a passing grade the student must

• Demonstrate an ability to synthesize and reflect upon in-depth knowledge related to the chosen focus of the research project,

• Demonstrate an ability to understand and independently apply key principles and relevant standards of social science research in order to complete an original research project relevant to Environmental Management and Policy;

Competences and skills
For a passing grade the student must

• Demonstrate an ability to creatively, critically and autonomously handle complex issues by identifying/defining a research worthy problem, formulating original researchable questions and/or testable hypotheses and selecting/designing an appropriate methodological approach to answer the specified questions/test the specified hypotheses;

• Demonstrate an ability to independently engage in a research process and thereby contribute to the advancement of knowledge,
• Demonstrate an ability to plan and execute an advanced research project within given limits using scientific methods and an interdisciplinary approach,

• Demonstrate an ability to integrate the knowledge acquired in key qualifying courses within the programme of study in a critical and systematic manner,

• Demonstrate an ability to clearly present and discuss her/his conclusions and the arguments behind them, orally and in writing, in national and international contexts, and

• Be able to independently identify and search for various sources of information, evaluate the relevance of this information to the problem in question and reference correctly.

Judgement and approach
For a passing grade the student must

• Demonstrate an ability to assess their own degree projects and those of other students with due regard to relevant disciplinary, social and ethical aspects.

Contents
Each student will formulate and plan a research project, and complete a Master's thesis based on this research, in a given span of time. Writing the Master's thesis will develop students' ability to plan and manage large projects, and collect and analyse data to answer an original research question of relevance to Environmental Management and Policy.

Each student will be assigned a supervisor for the thesis work. Complementing the individual supervision, a series of working seminars will be organized throughout the course. In these seminars students are expected to actively contribute to a common discussion as well as to provide feedback on, other students work.

Students will present and defend their thesis at a final seminar. In addition to the final thesis the students shall also produce a popular science summary to be written in accordance with the IIIEE guidelines.

Examination details
Grading scale: TH - (U,3,4,5) - (Fail, Three, Four, Five)
Assessment: The course is designed as an individual assignment. Supervision is provided individually and in groups. The final grade is based on the evaluation of the final thesis, the oral presentation and the student’s performance during the thesis defence.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Admission
Admission requirements:

• Students should have been admitted to the MSc Programme in Environmental Management and Policy, and have completed a minimum of 85 credits of programme courses as well as taken part in all mandatory course elements of course IMEN69

The number of participants is limited to: No
The course overlaps following course/s: IMEN41

Reading list

• According to a literature list that will be available at the latest eight weeks before start of the course on the course web page.
Contact and other information

**Course coordinator:** Beatrice Kogg, beatrice.kogg@iiiee.lu.se

**Course homepage:** [http://www.iiiee.lu.se/education/emp/curriculum](http://www.iiiee.lu.se/education/emp/curriculum)