Course syllabus

Praktik - miljöstrategiskt arbete i praktiken
Environmental Management & Policy in Practice - Internship Course

IMEN70, 7,5 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, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements.  
Elective Compulsory for: XA_EMP1  
Language of instruction: The course will be given in English

Aim

The aim of the internship course is to give the students the opportunity to apply their knowledge, skills and approaches related to Environmental Management and/or Policy on a practical level in the context of a business or policy organisation.

The work duties undertaken during the internship are to be sufficiently complex to enable the student to apply knowledge acquired in earlier courses of the EMP programme. In addition, the internship is to provide the student with a comprehensive understanding of the demands placed upon, and skills required of, a sustainability professional. As such the course aims to allow the students to further both their knowledge, their skills and their judgment and approach in relation to their main field of studies through the experience of putting acquired abilities into practice.

The course will also serve as an opportunity for the student to reflect upon, and clarify, professional and career-related goals through critical analysis of the internship experience.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding
For a passing grade the student must

• Demonstrate insight into, and the ability to critically reflect upon, the multifaceted role of sustainability-impact professionals today.
• Be able to identify and reflect upon how work related to environmental management and/or environmental policy is organized and practiced within the host organization.
• Demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge of corporate environmental management and/or environmental policy, and to analyse, assess complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information.
• Demonstrate the ability to suggest measures aiming towards and improving environmental performance/solving environmental problems, independently and in collaboration with members of the host organisation.

Competences and skills
For a passing grade the student must

- Demonstrate the ability to perform a qualified task, related to environmental management and/or policy, as required by, and defined in collaboration with, the host organisation.
- Demonstrate the ability to plan and execute assignments within given time limits, using relevant methods for the assignment.
- Display a capacity to, in an independent manner, establish contacts and engagement with relevant actors involved in, or affected by, the student’s internship project/area of focus.
- Independently prepare and present a written and oral report of value for the host organisation.
- Both in writing and orally be able to succinctly summarise and critically reflect upon the experiences gained from the internship in a way that allows peer future sustainability professionals to learn from the student’s specific experience.

**Judgement and approach**

For a passing grade the student must

- demonstrate the ability to critically reflect on relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects of environmental management and policy in practice.
- be able to assess his/her own competence and identify relevant areas of potential work within the field of the major subject.

**Contents**

The course is designed as an internship at a business or policy organisation. The work/tasks during the internship must have a clear relation to environmental management and/or policy and train the student to work independently and in cooperation with others. The course allows for 5 weeks of full time internship in the workplace and one week of reflection and completion of a final essay. During the course, the student will perform a range of tasks at the host organisation as specified in the internship plan, based on these tasks the student will in parallel develop a brief project report that will be submitted to the host organisation as well as to the course examiner. The content of the report should also be presented to the host organisation before the end of the internship.

In addition the student is asked to send short weekly progress reports to the appointed supervisor at the IIIEE, as well as to write a final reflection essay. This process encourages analysis about and beyond daily work, and is designed to enable students to reflect more thoroughly about their own skills, experience, perceptions, career goals, and about the role of a sustainability professional.

**Examination details**

**Grading scale:** TH - (U, 3, 4, 5) - (Fail, Three, Four, Five)

**Assessment:** The final assessment is based on the following: 1) Confirmation from the supervisor at the host organisation to verify the student’s attendance and active participation at the workplace during the internship period; 2) A written project report developed for the host organisation in accordance with the objectives specified in the internship plan; 3) Progress reports submitted to the LU supervisor; 4) A written reflective essay; 5) Presentation of the reflective essay and active participation in the subsequent discussion in the final course seminar. The supervisor at IIIEE is to be notified of any sick leave. The supervisor will in collaboration with the course examiner determine whether the student’s absence is acceptable in proportion to the course.

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 37 credits of programme courses

The number of participants is limited to: No
The course overlaps following course/s: IMEN24, IMEN46

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
Further information: Students on the programme should complete either this course or the IMEN46 course.