



SAGR001, Research Ethics, 3 credits, third cycle

The course was adopted by the Board of the Lund University Faculty of Social Sciences 24 November 2016 and the syllabus approved by the Research Studies Council 9 November 2016.

The syllabus is valid from the spring semester 2017.

A. General information

The course is an elective third cycle course offered jointly by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the School of Economics and Management.

The course has a duration of two weeks, including up to ten scheduled course days and time for independent study. It corresponds to two weeks of full-time study (approximately 80 hours).

The language of instruction is Swedish or English.

B. Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student shall be able to

- identify ethical issues in different scholarly contexts, including the research conducted by the doctoral students as part of their studies
- independently and knowledgeably analyse ethical issues in different scholarly contexts, including the research conducted by the doctoral students as part of their studies
- apply current legislation governing research involving humans to research of different types, including the research conducted by the doctoral students as part of their studies
- apply current rules and guidelines with regard to research misconduct and good research practice to research of different types, including the research conducted by the doctoral students as part of their studies

C. Course content

Basic normative ethics, the history of research ethics, the utility of research, the risks of research subjects and others concerned, protection of personal integrity and personal data, informed consent and research on subjects unable to give consent, relevant legislation, ethical vetting, good research practice, research misconduct, publication ethics, the researcher as an authority and ethical aspects of external engagement.

D. Course design

The course consists of lectures, discussion exercises, group work and independent study of the required reading. The participants will actively analyse research from the point of view of ethics. Attendance at all teaching components is compulsory.

E. Assessment

The assessment is based on active participation in discussion exercises, reporting of group work and an individual written assignment on ethical aspects of the research conducted by the doctoral student as part of his or her studies.

F. Grades

The grades awarded are Pass or Fail. To be awarded a grade of Pass, students must have attained the learning outcomes stated for the course. At the start of the course, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied on the course.

G. Admission requirements

The course is primarily intended for students admitted to research studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences and the School of Economics and Management. Other students can be admitted subject to a decision by the course director.