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Course Syllabus GEM056F
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Introductory Workshop for Newly Admitted PhD Students at LTH (Introduktionskurs för nyantagna doktorander vid LTH)

The course is elective during the first year of PhD training at LTH.

Aim: The course aims to welcome all newly admitted PhD students to LTH, and to contribute to a smooth start of the participants PhD programme.

Learning outcomes:

Knowledge and understanding

For a Pass on the course, participants shall

- be aware of the local context of PhD training, and the national intended learning outcomes of PhD education in Sweden
- be aware of the uses and meanings of the individual and general PhD study plans
- know where to turn in case of problems related to their PhD training
- be aware of the structures of international student mobility.

Competence and skills

For a Pass on the course, participants shall

- be aware of how to communicate mutual expectations on their PhD training together with their supervisors
- be aware of how to suggest useful contents to be added to their individual study plan
- be aware of how to navigate in the LTH's range of PhD courses, and know which courses to take early on.

Judgement and approach

For a Pass on the course, participants shall

- be aware of how to show a critical approach to academic conduct and norms in research
- be aware of how to explain their science in outreach activities.

Content:

The course includes brief sessions on the LTH organisation, objectives of PhD training, general and individual study plans, student - supervisor mutual expectation questionnaire/interviews, PhD courses at LTH, the supervision process, scientific information management – first aid, procedures – rights – support – obligations in PhD training at LTH, presentation of student representatives, international mobility, academic conduct in research, introduction to outreach activities.

- Instruction:** The course consists of three threequarter-day workshop sessions a week apart. Study tasks have to be prepared prior to session 2 and 3.
- Assessment:** For a Pass on the course, the participant must have attended all of the scheduled activities and completed and passed all assignments in the course.
- Scope:** The course corresponds to about 1 week of full-time work and to 2 credits in third-cycle (PhD) studies (with Pass and Fail as available grades), if this is in line with the individual study plan.
A current timetable is available on the course homepage.
- Admission:** To be admitted to the course applicants have to be newly (within one year) admitted to a PhD programme at LTH.
- Selection:** All eligible applicants are accepted to the next available course.
- Language:** The course is taught in English.
- Homepage:** http://www.lth.se/omlth/kompetensutveckling/gemensamma_forskarutbildningskurser
- Reading:** Reading will be available on a separate course website.
- Course directors:** Senior lecturer **Anders Ahlberg** (anders.ahlberg@genombrottet.se) together with the three Directors of PhD studies at LTH.
Information on current teachers on the course is available on the course homepage.
- Category:** The course is a faculty-wide third-cycle (PhD) course at LTH.
- Other:** Lunch is catered during the meetings (working lunch sessions).