



AK107X Degree Project in Philosophy, First Cycle

15.0 credits

Examensarbete inom filosofi, grundnivå

Course syllabus for AK107X valid from Autumn 15

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

Grading scale: P, F

Education cycle: First cycle

Main field of study: Technology

Intended learning outcomes

After passing the course examination work, the student should be able to

1. show knowledge of the chosen topic's scientific foundation and applicable methods, orientation in current research and development, as well as in-depth knowledge in some part of the subject area
2. show the ability to critically search, collect and use relevant information, and to identify the need for further knowledge
3. show the ability to formulate, assess and handle problems and critically discuss phenomena, issues and situations
4. show the ability to plan and carry out tasks using applicable methods within given time frames
5. show the ability to present and discuss information, problems, and solutions in oral and written dialogue with different groups
6. show the ability to make judgements considering relevant scientific, social, and ethical aspects
7. show a level of proficiency that is required to independently work within some part of the main technical field.

Course main content

The philosophy that is carried out at KTH has a specialisation in technology and technological sciences, and degree projects in philosophy must also have that specialisation. This is, however, a broad field since technology and its foundational sciences have many-faceted interfaces with philosophy. Examples of particularly important subareas of philosophy are scientific philosophy, decision theory and moral philosophy. Issues related to the effects of technology and its role in society are also treated within the subject.

The philosophic subject has at KTH a strong emphasis on cooperation with other disciplines. This implies that concept analysis and other philosophic methods are combined with empirical knowledge from the technical science field in question.

The course is examined through the final essay. The work is carried out individually or jointly by two students. In the latter case shall the individual contributions be clearly separable. The topic of the essay can be suggested by the student, teacher or some outside client. The student first designs a work plan. At the latest when the work plan is approved, a supervisor is appointed whom the student should be able to continuously consult during the work.

Disposition

Individual studies and supervised essay-writing.

Language of instruction

Language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course and programme directory.

Eligibility

At least 120 credits of which 60 credits with progressive specialisation in first-cycle studies within the main field of study.

Literature

Fastställs individuellt.

Required equipment

None.

Examination

- XUPP - Examination, 15.0 credits, grading scale: P, F

Requirements for final grade

Presented and defended essay.