



AK106X Degree Project in Philosophy, First Cycle 15.0 credits

Examensarbete inom filosofi, grundnivå

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

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years

Establishment

Course syllabus for AK106X valid from Spring 2012

Grading scale

A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Education cycle

First cycle

Main field of study

Technology

Specific prerequisites

At least 120 university credits.

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

Intended learning outcomes

The objective of the course is to convey to the student more profound knowledge of philosophy through the independent authoring of a degree thesis. In the work, previously acquired knowledge shall be included. The work shall develop the critical thinking faculty and will amount to the student assimilating knowledge from a new field. Furthermore, one aim is training the student in scientific methodology and in written and oral presentation.

Course contents

Philosophy at KTH is oriented towards technology and technological science. This is a comprehensive research field, since technology and its underlying basic sciences interact in multi-faceted ways with philosophy. Philosophical subdisciplines that are particularly involved include epistemology, philosophy of science, decision theory, logic, and ethics. The effects of technology and the role of technology in society are covered in the discipline, too.

Philosophy at KTH has a strong emphasis on cooperation with other disciplines. This amounts to the combining conceptual analysis and other philosophical methods with empirical knowledge acquired with methods within the technological, natural, social, and behavioral sciences.

The course examination takes the form of the written essay (thesis). The work is performed individually or jointly by two students. In the latter case, the individual contributions must be discernible. The topic of the thesis may be suggested by the student, the teacher, or an external party. The student starts out by writing a working plan. A supervisor is appointed no later than at the time of approval of the working plan. The student is invited to take advice from the supervisor during the course of work.

The outcome of the course is supposed to be an essay showing that the student has improved its knowledge of scientific work and scientific presentation.

Course literature

Väljs individuellt.

Examination

- XUPP - Examination Question, 15.0 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Based on recommendation from KTH's coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

Other requirements for final grade

Written and defended essay (XUPP; 15.0 credits).

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.