



AK107X Degree Project in Philosophy, First Cycle 15.0 credits

Examensarbete inom filosofi, grundnivå

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

Establishment

Course syllabus for AK107X valid from Autumn 2015

Grading scale

P, F

Education cycle

First cycle

Main field of study

Technology

Specific prerequisites

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

Language of instruction

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

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 contents

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.

Course literature

Fastställs individuellt.

Equipment

None.

Examination

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

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

Other requirements for final grade

Presented and defended essay.

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.