



# FDH3358 Humanistic HCI 4.0 credits

Humaniora i HCI

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

## Establishment

Course syllabus for FDH3358 valid from Autumn 2016

## Grading scale

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## Education cycle

Third cycle

## Specific prerequisites

## Language of instruction

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

## Intended learning outcomes

The course is aimed for design-oriented doctoral students and is organised as a reading course. Together, we read and discuss descriptions of humanistic HCI.



## Course contents

"Although it has influenced the field of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) since its origins, humanistic HCI has come into its own since the early 2000s. In that time, it has made substantial contributions to HCI theory and methodologies and also had major influence in user experience (UX) design, aesthetic interaction, and emancipatory/social change-oriented approaches to HCI.

This book reintroduces the humanities to a general HCI readership; characterizes its major epistemological and methodological commitments as well as forms of rigor; compares the scientific report vs. the humanistic essay as research products, while offering some practical advice for peer review; and focuses on two major topics where humanistic HCI has had particular influence in the field—user experience and aesthetics and emancipatory approaches to computing. This book argues for a more inclusive and broad reach for humanistic thought within the interdisciplinary field of HCI, and its lively and engaging style will invite readers into that project."

## Disposition

Students and senior researchers meet and discuss the book (Humanistic HCI by Jeffrey and Shaowen Bardzell) at two seminars at the end of October-November 2015. Jeffrey and Shaowen Bardzell will visit and discuss the book with us early in November 2015.

## Course literature

Bardzell, J., & Bardzell, S. (2015). Humanistic HCI. *Synthesis Lectures on Human-Centered Informatics*, 8(4), 1-185.

## Examination

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

The student will pass the course by satisfying one of the following two requirements:

• Write an article about his or her research, sent to some conference or journal, referring to humanities in a relevant way

• Writes a short thesis about his view on humanities and human computer interaction and its relevance for his or her own work



## 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.