



# IV1009 Introduction to ICT for Development 7,5 hp

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## Fastställande

Kursplan för IV1009 gäller från och med HTo8

## Betygsskala

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

## Utbildningsnivå

Grundnivå

## Huvudområden

Teknik

## Särskild behörighet

**For single course students:**

80 university credits. 40 credits shall be in IT/ICT or work experiences equal to it.

## Undervisningsspråk

Undervisningsspråk anges i kurstillfällesinformationen i kurs- och programkatalogen.

## Lärandemål

The course aims to familiarise students with some of the main issues involved in the use of ICT for development purposes - such as the use of ICT for poverty reduction, promotion of education, health, democracy and human rights.

It consists of 3 thematic areas comprising short modules - bearing in total 7.5 credits. In this context, the digital divide is considered in light of such topics as ICT and globalization, e-governance, and e-learning. The technological and organisational challenges of providing open and affordable connectivity to the public at large will be studied.

Mainly, the Introduction Course in ICT4D associates with the following objectives for the master's program in ICT4D:

The student shall...

...acquire knowledge about ICT in developing countries...

...get an understanding of ICT's significance for sustainable development...

The specific learning outcomes are:

1. Distinguish between various development perspectives behind ICT for development.
2. Describe prerequisites to employ ICT in society for development purposes.
3. Identify and name key sectors in society in which ICT could play a significant difference.
4. Give example of structural impacts that could be obtained from employing ICT in developing regions' societies.
5. Recognize and explain the type of positive effects that ICT could have for the areas (a) health, (b) education, (c) governance, (d) business, and (e) rural livelihood.
6. Critically examine the arguments for and against using ICT in solving problems in developing countries.

## Kursinnehåll

ICT applications modules are:

- E-health
- E-learning
- E-government

Globalisation and localisation modules are:

- IT management
- Global ICT cultures
- E-commerce
- Cultural aspects on localisation

Localisation techniques

Connectivity modules are:

- Technology challenges
- Policy, financing and regulation

## Kursupplägg

On-campus course at DSV, Kista, Stockholm. The web will be used for learning activities and provide support to the students.

The course is given in English.

## Kurslitteratur

: ICT4D - Connecting People for a better World. Lessons, Innovations and Perspectives of Information and Communication Technologies in Development., 2004, 3-03798-065-6  
Kommentar: The book can be downloaded from <http://www.globalknowledge.org/ict4d>

Selected on-line material and material produced by lecturers.

## Examination

- PRO1 - Project, 4,5 hp, betygsskala: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F
- TEN1 - Examination, 3,0 hp, betygsskala: P, F

Examinator beslutar, baserat på rekommendation från KTH:s handläggare av stöd till studenter med funktionsnedsättning, om eventuell anpassad examination för studenter med dokumenterad, varaktig funktionsnedsättning.

Examinator får medge annan examinationsform vid omexamination av enstaka studenter.

När kurs inte längre ges har student möjlighet att examineras under ytterligare två läsår.

PROA (4 hp) Concept/context map and seminar presentation

TENA (3,5 hp) Written individual exam

## Övriga krav för slutbetyg

The examination on the course is a written exam (3,5 hp) plus a written report (4 hp). The written report can yield pass or fail (P/F) while the written exam carries the grading scale A/B/C/D/E/Fx/F. For passing the course, a student must pass both the written exam and the written report. The final grade of the course is based on the grade of the written exam. Students being close to the pass grade (E) are given an opportunity to make a complementary addition. This means that the student by the addition can obtain the lowest pass grade (E) but no higher. The teacher responsible will inform the students eligible for complementary additions when the results are published. The complementary additions must be turned in before a given deadline and are valid only for the current examination.

## Etiskt förhållningssätt

- Vid grupparbete har alla i gruppen ansvar för gruppens arbete.
- Vid examination ska varje student ärligt redovisa hjälp som erhållits och källor som använts.
- Vid muntlig examination ska varje student kunna redogöra för hela uppgiften och hela lösningen.