



Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the faculty board at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences on 14 December 2022 and is effective from the Spring semester of 2023 at Karlstad University.

Doctoral study subject

Cross-faculty

Course name

Informationssökning och publiceringsstrategier
Information retrieval and publishing strategies

Credit points

3 ECTS

Degree Level

Doctoral level

Language of Instruction

English or Swedish. Contact the course coordinator for information about the current language.

Eligibility

Designed for doctoral students at Karlstad University. Admission to a doctoral programme is a specific requirement.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. plan and perform information search, and evaluate the search result,
2. identify, compare and critically evaluate relevant information sources within the PhD student's research area,
3. evaluate publications and different publication channels with regard to reliability, relevance and quality,
4. formulate a publishing strategy appropriate for the PhD student's research area, that promotes the visibility of the research,
5. be knowledgeable of Swedish legislation and good research practice in relation to information resources and publishing,

6. manage references in a bibliographically correct way and in accordance with good research practice.

Course Content

Instruction is in the form of lectures, seminars and workshops and comprises the following components:

- Content and structure of information retrieval databases
- Search strategies and search techniques
- Information retrieval
- Evaluating search result
- Reference management
- Copyright
- Scientific/Scholarly publishing
- Open Access

Reading list

See separate document.

Examination

The examination is individual and based on active participation in seminars, on short tests and seminar assignments, and on the student's peer review contribution at the seminars.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course. The results will be used as a basis when developing and planning future courses.