

**FEKG28, Business Administration: The Darkness of Business -
Critical Encounters with Management Practices, 3 credits**
*Företagsekonomi: Företagandets avigsida - Kritiska möten med
företagandets praktik, 3 högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Business Administration on 2022-05-11 to be valid from 2022-05-11, spring semester 2023.

General Information

The course is one of two modules in the Hanken and LUSEM Nordic Winter School. The course is offered in English, students must therefore be able to communicate in English both orally and in writing.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Business Administration

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

A passing grade on the course will be awarded to students who:

Knowledge and understanding

Demonstrate that they have obtained critical insights about different management ideas, concepts and practices.

Competence and skills

Can engage in critical analyses of concrete real-life examples from the world of business.

Judgement and approach

Demonstrate ability to reflexively, critically and independently discuss, compare and evaluate different critical perspectives on management ideas and practices.

Course content

This course is a critical examination of the various business and management practices that form the basic structure of the organization of contemporary capitalist society. The premise of the course is a suspicion that management thinking and doing are not necessarily part of the solution of the problems facing us today, e.g. climate crisis, poverty, erosion of a collective narrative etc, but rather one of the main problems undergirding these global challenges.

The course will be structured as a set of critical encounters with management practices and concepts, which we will be explored and discussed with a critical gaze. The point is to illuminate and discuss various kinds and forms of illegitimate domination, oppression and distortions that take place in the form of management.

Course design

The teaching activities comprise lectures, seminars, and various forms of discussions and exercises. The students are expected to take an active part in their learning process, and to put in a high level of engagement throughout the course.

Assessment

The course will be examined through an individual take home exam. Grading takes place on the basis of an individual course paper hand-in. Students failing to hand in an assignment or who do not receive a passing grade will be given a chance to hand in a revised version of the exam.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

Grade (Definition) Points or % out of maximum points. Characteristic.

A (Excellent) 85-100. A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

B (Very good) 75-84. A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

C (Good) 65-74. The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought and lives up to expectations.

D (Satisfactory) 55-64. The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

E (Sufficient) 50-54. The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to

theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

F (U) (Fail) 0-49. The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The University will take disciplinary actions against any kind of attempted malpractice in examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other improper practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specific period of time.

Entry requirements

Studies in Business Administration, corresponding to 30 CP from undergraduate level studies.

Further information

In case of closure of the course: Within three semesters after the course closure there will be offered three additional occasions for examination of respective examination part of the course, for students with no successful result. Note that after this you can get a certificate only regarding completed examination parts.