NFNF301 Introductory course for Third Cycle studies, 1.5 credits
Introduktionskurs för doktorander, 1,5 högskolepoäng
Third-cycle level / Forskarnivå

Confirmation
This syllabus was confirmed by the Faculty Board of Science on 2019-03-13, and is valid from Spring semester 2019.

Responsible Department
Faculty Office for Science, Faculty of Science

Entry requirements
The course is open to all graduate students enrolled in doctoral or licentiate programmes at the Faculty of Science. The course is mandatory, and the PhD students are recommended to attend the course as soon as possible after enrolment.

Learning outcomes
Learning outcomes are presented under sub-headings below.

Knowledge and understanding
- Describe the organisation, rules and working practices at the University, Faculty, and Department with particular emphasis on PhD studies.
- Relate ethical considerations within the natural sciences.

Competence and skills
- Practice professional cooperation with supervisor(s) and other actors within PhD studies.
- Identify ethical considerations in relation to the participant's research and teaching.
- Plan PhD studies on short- and long-term.

Judgement and approach
- Reflect on the goals for PhD education.
- Discuss how to perform research in an ethically responsible manner.

**Course content**
This 1.5 HEC course is intended to provide useful understanding of the rules, rights and obligations that apply to third-cycle education at each of the departments, the Faculty of Science and the University of Gothenburg. The course includes education in ethics and a workshop on the Individual study plan and its degree objectives.

Course format: Lectures, discussions, group work and individual work.

Note: The course includes a study trip with overnight stay at one of the Faculty research infrastructures located outside of Gothenburg.

**Types of instruction**
Lectures, discussions, group work and individual work.

*Language of instruction*
The course is given in English.

**Grades**
The grade Pass (G) or Fail (U) is given in this course.

**Types of assessment**
Successful completion of the course requires active participation in all five days.

**Course evaluation**
An opportunity for course evaluation will be presented on the last day of the course.

**Other information**
The course runs for five days. Three days in Gothenburg, and the last two days outside of Gothenburg (with a stay overnight) at any of the Department of Conservation, Mariestad or the Sven Lovén Centre for Marine Infrastructure in Kristineberg or Tjärnö.