



## INSTITUTE OF NEUROSCIENCE AND PHYSIOLOGY

### **SFUOBL1 Introduction to doctoral studies and information retrieval, 1.5 credits**

Introduktion till forskarutbildning och informationssökning, 1,5 högskolepoäng

*Third-cycle level / Forskarnivå*

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### **Confirmation**

This syllabus was confirmed by the Council for PhD Education at Sahlgrenska Academy on 2022-09-02, and is valid from Spring semester 2023.

#### ***Responsible Department***

Institute of Neuroscience and Physiology, Sahlgrenska Academy

### **Entry requirements**

Admission to the course requires that the student is enrolled to doctoral studies.

The course is part of the faculty's mandatory course package for doctoral students that includes 6 courses corresponding to 15 credits.

### **Learning outcomes**

After completing the course the doctoral student is expected to be able to:

#### **Knowledge and understanding:**

- Describe the rules for doctoral education at the Sahlgrenska Academy (SA) and the University of Gothenburg (GU).
- Describe how doctoral education is organized at SA/GU, and the university organisation and administration.
- Know where to obtain information on doctoral education at SA/GU.
- Describe the sustainable development goals at SA/GU.
- Identify what services are provided by support functions at GU and where to find information.

#### **Competence and skills:**

- Apply search strategies in different types of scientific databases, compose search strategies,

organize the result and critically assess the result.

### **Judgement and approach:**

- Evaluate the achieved information as well as the search process per se.

## **Course content**

The purpose of this course is to introduce the doctoral students to the rules and regulations that apply to doctoral studies and where to find the information. Furthermore, the doctoral students will get to know about expectations and opportunities during their education as well as be given an overview of the university organization and administration, including ISP, Primula etc

The university's support functions of importance for doctoral students will be presented and the doctoral students will learn how to efficiently retrieve information and handling references.

## **Types of instruction**

Lectures and individual assignments.

### *Language of instruction*

The course is given in Swedish but can be given in English if necessary.

Assignments are done in English.

## **Grades**

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

## **Types of assessment**

Examination is done through individual assignments.

To pass the course, passed results for both GU organisation and doctoral rules and regulations (0.5 credit) as well as information search (1 credit) are required. In case of absence or failure at the course's compulsory components, the student should participate in a replacement activity according to the course leader's direction.

If a PhD student, who has been failed on the same examining course component twice, requests a change of examiner before the next examination session, a request of this kind should be sent in writing to the department responsible for the course, and granted, unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22, Higher Education Ordinance).

## **Course evaluation**

The course evaluation will be provided both as a written questionnaire (joint for Sahlgrenska Academy) and orally as a discussion between the students and the course leader(s). The course

responsible teacher compiles analysis of the course evaluation and makes suggestions for further development of the course. The result and any changes in the set-up of the course shall be communicated both to the students that carried out the evaluation and to the students who are about to start the course.

## **Other information**

Course participants shall read the latest version of "doktorandreglerna" (general rules for doctoral students) at SA and GU, watch relevant webinars and read related documents. Additional literature may be added.