SM00044  PhD Proficiency Course, 2 credits
Forskarutbildningskurs i akademiska färdigheter, 2 högskolepoäng
Third-cycle level / Forsknivå

Confirmation
This syllabus was confirmed by the Council for PhD Education at Sahlgrenska Academy on 2018-12-11, and is valid from Autumn semester 2013.

Responsible department/equivalent
Institute of Medicine, - No translation available -

Entry requirements
The PhD Proficiency Course (2 hp) is an obligatory course at third-cycle level at the Sahlgrenska Academy. The PhD Proficiency Course is to be taken after completion of the Half-time Seminar.

For admission to the course there is a requirement of admission to PhD studies at the Sahlgrenska Academy and passing of the Half-time seminar course of 5 credits.

Learning outcomes
After completed course the student should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding
- describe the rules and practices regarding thesis form and design
- describe rules and practices regarding the disputation act
- explain the principles for preventing misconduct in research
- describe the processing of misconduct matters
- describe the principles of copyright and “upphovsrätt”
- explain the principles for bibliometric methods

Competence and skills
- identify factors of success for pursuing an academic career
• reflect on the oral presentation of scientific material
• apply basic graphic design strategies for written text with focus on the thesis
• compose a research grant application.

Course content
The course contains teaching on
• the university organization
• the academic career
• the disputation at the Sahlgrenska Academy; rules, regulations, planning and procedure
• thesis design
• oral presentation
• public communication
• grant application writing
• misconduct in research.

Types of instruction
Lectures, seminars, group 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
Examination is done through an individual written assignment.

All scheduled activities during the course are obligatory. To pass the course, active participation is required at lectures and seminars, and a passed examination is required. In case of absence from mandatory elements, completion of the course should be done according to course leader instructions.

A PhD student has the right to request a change of examiner if failed twice on the same exam, if this is practically possible. Such a request should be put forward in writing and addressed to the institute.

Course evaluation
Course evaluation is carried out in writing through a course evaluation form published in GUL (the University of Gothenburg's learning platform) as well as through a common discussion at the end of the course. The teacher responsible for the course compiles an analysis of the course evaluations and makes suggestions for the development of the course. Analyses and suggestions
are conveyed to the students and published on the University of Gothenburg's learning platform, GUL.

**Other information**

The language of teaching is normally English. Oral and written presentations are done in English.

The different parts of the course are integrated and therefore parts of the course can not be credited.

The syllabus is confirmed by the Council for Postgraduate Studies 2013-10-16, after delegations according to the Academy's work plan and plan of delegation. The syllabus takes effect from the autumn of 2013.