

Department of Business Administration

**EHFE005, Qualitative Methods,
7.5 credits**
*Kvalitativa metoder,
7,5 hp*
Third Cycle/Forskarutbildningsnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was last revised on 2023-11-21 by the Director of research and PhD programme at the Department of Business Administration. The revised syllabus applies from 2024-01-01.

General information

The course EHFE005 is a course in Business Administration at the third cycle level. The course is compulsory for PhD students accepted to the PhD programme in Business Administration at Lund University School of Economics and Management.

The course aims to provide a qualified understanding of some influential philosophy of science traditions with relevance for social science, commonly used qualitative research practices and the connection between philosophy and method.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies: Business Administration

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

- Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of key qualitative methodological approaches in the social sciences.

Competence and skills

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

- Can apply general knowledge of methodology to specific research projects, their own as well as others'.

Judgement and approach

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

- Show ability to reflect critically on the implications of different methodological stances and choices of methods in the course of empirical inquiry.

Course content

The course treats a number of sub-themes of significance in current methodological practices and debates, including post-positivist traditions, qualitative interviews; ethnography; discourse analysis; problematization etc.

Course design

The course is designed as a series of seminars in which students engage in discussion of methodological perspectives, both in general and in relation to their own thesis projects.

Assessment

80 % attendance is called for in order to pass the course. Examination is by paper.

Credits

Grades are Pass or Fail.

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

PhD students accepted to the PhD programme in Business Administration or an adjacent subject are eligible for the course.

Course literature

See separate literature list.