

## Introduction to third-cycle studies and research literacy III, 1.5 credits

Introduktion till studier på forskarnivå och forskningslitteracitet III, 1,5 högskolepoäng

<b>Course code:</b>	FOID005
<b>Host School:</b>	School of Innovation, Design and Engineering
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<b>Level of education:</b>	Third cycle level
<b>Language:</b>	English

### Course objective

The aim of the course is to increase participants' knowledge and understanding of the third-cycle studies process, to develop their knowledge and understanding of academic discourse, and to develop their knowledge and skills in sharing their research with a broad audience through communication and commercialization.

### Course content

- The thesis process and requirements
- Funding opportunities for doctoral students
- Your career in research, building a CV and research portfolio
- Research commercialization and exploitation.
- The dissertation (attendance to a licentiate or Doctoral dissertation defense)

### Intended learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the participants will be able to:

1. understand how research is communicated to experts in their own and different subjects, as well as to the general public.
2. understand formal process and requirements at MDU to defend their thesis.
3. demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of doctoral studies.

**The intended qualitative targets in the Higher Education Ordinance, appendix 2.**

***Competence and skills***

- B6: the capacity to contribute to social development and support the learning of others both through research and education and in some other qualified professional capacity.

***Judgement and approach***

For a Degree of Doctor the doctoral student shall demonstrate

- C2: specialised insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used.

**Teaching formats**

The intended knowledge, competence and skills will be gained through attendance to lectures and seminars that include discussions and critical reasoning.

**Examination**

OBN1: Compulsory attendance, 1 hp (Learning outcomes 1-3)

SEM1: Attending seminars, 0.5 hp (Learning outcomes 1-2)

**Grade**

Examinations included in the course are assessed according to a two-grade scale, fail or pass.

Grades are to be decided by a teacher specially appointed by the university.

In case participants miss part of a session, they will be given the opportunity to supplement it with a written assignment.

**Requirements**

To participate in the course and the examinations included in the course, the applicant must be admitted to doctoral studies at Mälardalen University.

**Specific requirements**

The course is suitable for recently enrolled doctoral students, and those that have not yet completed their mid-way- or licentiate seminar, or equivalent.

### **Selection criteria**

Doctoral students admitted to other higher education institutions may be admitted to the course, subject to availability. Selection of applicants will be made in accordance with the ranking below.

1. Doctoral students at Mälardalen University
2. Doctoral students at other universities