

Department of Educational Sciences
Division for Higher Education Development

# Course description Doctoral Supervision, 2 weeks

# Details of approval

Ratified by the board of the Department of Educational Sciences (Uvet/AHU) 2021. The syllabus is valid from 2021-01-21.

#### Aim

The course aims to support participants in developing their professional supervision by focusing on responsibilities, ethics, power issues, different models for supervision, and doctoral students' learning.

## Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion, the participant should be able to:

- define his or her role and responsibility within doctoral education
- relate knowledge of doctoral student learning to modes of supervision and to other elements of doctoral education
- relate doctoral education and supervision to relevant laws, regulations and policy
- reflect on ethical issues related to the practice of supervision
- introduce the doctoral student to his or her rights and responsibilities, and to other resources available for help and support
- together with the student design an individual study plan that is attuned to the intended learning outcomes and to local conditions for doctoral education.

#### Course content

The course deals with the supervisor role, student learning, and the pedagogy of supervision in relation to rules and regulations, local circumstances and Lund University's policy. Supervision is discussed both in theory as in practice. Equal opportunities in doctoral education are also discussed, as is power and ethics.

# Course design

Classroom meetings are comprised of lectures, discussions and sharing of experiences. Between meetings, assignments should be completed. The assignments aim to stimulate participants' self-reflection on their own supervision and doctoral educational context, and will also be used for further reflection and discussion in groups with peers.

## Scope and assessment

The course equals two weeks of full-time work. In order to receive a course certificate the course participant must have:

- 1. Passed assignments.
- 2. Active participation in the scheduled meetings. Absence of one full day or less can be compensated by written assignments. An exception from this is the assignment 3

seminar, which is mandatory. Absence of more than one full day of teaching, and absence from the seminar, can be compensated by attending the same meeting/s at a subsequent course.

In the event that a course participant does not complete a course within specified time limits, all course components must be submitted within three years of commencement in order for a course certificate to be issued.

## Entry requirements

The course is open for staff at Lund University who supervise, or will supervise, doctoral students. Supervisors outside Lund University can also apply provided their students are admitted to doctoral education at Lund University.

#### General information

The course meets Lund University's requirement for supervisor training and is equivalent of the courses for prospective docents given at LTH and the Faculty of Science. The course is given in English.