



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

XXXnnnn Qualitative methods in psychological research – from data to complete manuscript, 7,5 higher education credits

Kvalitativa metoder i psykologisk forskning - Från data till färdigt manuskript, 7.5 högskolepoäng

Third Cycle/Forskarnivå

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by the Department of Psychology on, and was revised on 2017-09-15. The revised course syllabus is valid from and including autumn 2017

Entry requirements

The student must be admitted to the PhD Programme in Psychology (or a PhD program in another subject requiring equivalent knowledge). The student must also have a passing grade on a third cycle course on qualitative research methods, of at least 5 higher education credits. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available places on the course, students who have already collected data which is suitable for qualitative analysis will be given priority.

Learning outcomes

A student who successfully completes the course should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- outline the process of completing a qualitative study, from formulating research questions to completing a publishable manuscript

Skills and abilities

- construct a research question and select appropriate qualitative methods for data collection and analysis
- analyze data using appropriate qualitative methods
- summarize and report procedures and results of a qualitative study, both orally and in writing
- apply an ethical approach throughout the whole research process
- complete a scientific manuscript based on qualitative data analysis, in accordance with relevant international standards for scientific journals

Judgment and approach

- critically review other researchers' manuscripts and provide constructive criticism
- revise a manuscript based on feedback from peer-reviewers

Content

This course provides deepened knowledge on qualitative research methods which are used in psychology. During the course, the participants achieve independence and acquire experience in the process of analysis, manuscript writing and reviewing of manuscripts. The participants construct a research aim/question and analyze data from their own research project using a suitable qualitative method. Results are presented in the form of a manuscript, which is reviewed by fellow students and the course coordinator, and subsequently revised according to the review comments. The aim of the course is for students to complete a manuscript that fulfills required quality standards for qualitative studies, and that may therefore be submitted for publication. The manuscript may also be a part of the student's doctoral thesis. The course concludes with a conference in which participants' work are presented and discussed.

Form of teaching

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures, seminars, supervision, peer-assessment and presentations.

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is Swedish, but the course can be delivered in English if necessary.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass (G) and Fail (U).

Form of assessment

Examination takes place through submission of an individual written manuscript (which is revised based on comments from other course participants and the course coordinator), participation in seminars, supervision and presentations. To obtain a pass, the student is required to review fellow students' work and to provide constructive critique in written format.

Participation is compulsory during seminars and exercises. Arrangements to compensate for absence are made in agreement with the course coordinator.

Course evaluation

The course coordinator is responsible for ensuring that students have the opportunity to complete a course evaluation at the end of the course. The course evaluation is summarized and the processed in FUB.

Additional information

Registration for the course is made with the Postgraduate studies officer at the Department of Psychology.

The course literature is available in the form of an attachment