



## DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

### **GEO230 Master thesis in Geography, 30 credits**

Geografi, examensarbete, 30 högskolepoäng

*Second Cycle*

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#### **Confirmation**

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Earth Sciences on 2011-09-05 and was last revised on 2023-11-23 to be valid from 2024-01-15, spring semester of 2024.

*Field of education:* Science 100%

*Department:* Department of Earth Sciences

*Other participating department*

Department of Economy and Society

#### **Position in the educational system**

The course is included in a Degree of Master (120 credits) in geography. The course contains degree project for Degree of Master (120 credits) in geography

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Master's Programme in Geography (N2GEO)

*Main field of studies*

Geography

*Specialization*

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

#### **Entry requirements**

For admission to the course, Degree of Bachelor (180 credits) in the main field of study geography is required, or physical geography, or human geography as well as completed advanced courses in geography of at least 45 credits with the grade at least Pass.

Students with equivalent education can after assessment be given admission to the course.

Applicants must prove their knowledge of English: English 6/English B from Swedish

Upper Secondary School or the equivalent level of an internationally recognized test, for example TOEFL, IELTS.

### **Learning outcomes**

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

#### *Knowledge and understanding*

- Show knowledge and understanding of geographic issues

#### *Competence and skills*

- independently plan and carry out geographic studies as well as present the result orally and in writing
- independently search, choose and evaluate geographic information
- use various types of geographic examination methods and analytical methods
- good knowledge of project management and carry out assignments within given time frames

#### *Judgement and approach*

- critically identify, formulate, analyse, evaluate and discuss geographic data and achieved results and other information both in writing and orally.

### **Course content**

The course consists of a project work of 30 credits. In the work, planning, material collection, processing and presentation of project work during teachers' management are included. In the work, also such literature reading that is necessary for the implementation of the project is included.

The teaching consists of supervision and seminar exercises. The course is given full-time during 20 weeks or is divided during two semesters.

### **Form of teaching**

The project work is presented in writing through a thesis that should be presented at a seminar. Student should also review on another degree project in geography at second cycle level. Participation in seminars is compulsory.

Depending on the specialization topic, one of the above-mentioned examination codes applies.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish and English

### **Assessment**

Component 1: Thesis in geography, cultural geographic specialisation (Thesis in Geography, major in Human Geography), 30 credits: Fail/Pass/Pass with Distinction

Component 1: Thesis in geography, physical geography specialisation (Thesis in Geography, major in Physical Geography), 30 credits: Fail/Pass/Pass with Distinction

If a student who has twice received a failing grade for the same examination component wishes to change examiner ahead of the next examination session, such a request should be made to the department in writing and should be approved by the department unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6 Section 22 of the Higher Education Ordinance).

If a student has received a recommendation from the University of Gothenburg for study support for students with disabilities, the examiner may, where it is compatible with the learning outcomes of the course and provided that no unreasonable resources are required, decide to allow the student to sit an adjusted exam or alternative form of assessment.

In the event that a course has ceased or undergone major changes, students are to be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the ordinary examination session) over a period of at least one year, but no more than two years after the course has ceased/been changed. The same applies to internships and professional placements (VFU), although this is restricted to just one additional examination session.

### **Grades**

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

### **Course evaluation**

Course evaluation is carried out partly in connection with examination seminar and partly through the course platform where the student can participate anonymously.

The result and any changes in the course structure are to be communicated to the students who completed the evaluation and to students who are about to begin the course.