



Supervising PhD Students

Qualifying course on supervising PhD students, 3 weeks

(Forskarhandledarutbildning)

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The course is geared towards supervisors, and persons intending to take up the role of supervisor, on PhD programmes at Örebro University and Region Örebro County.

2 ABOUT THE COURSE

Supervising PhD Students corresponds to 120 working hours, or three weeks of full-time study. The course syllabus was approved by the Director of the Centre for Academic Development on 6 October 2022.

2.1 Course goals

After completing the course, participant shall be able to

- reason around supervision as a role and process,
- discuss various aspects of the supervisor-PhD student relationship,
- conduct good supervision,
- contribute to a positive supervisory culture, and
- reflect on their own role as supervisor.

2.2 Course content

The course is in two parts. The first part focuses the public service obligations,

that is, the requirements placed on those involved in doctoral education by society, as expressed in both national regulations in acts and ordinances, and the local regulations that apply at Örebro University. The second part discusses the pedagogical assignment, that is, the opportunities, challenges and problems that a supervisor of PhD students may come across in various supervisory situations.

2.3 Teaching methods

The teaching methods used on the course are lectures and seminars.

2.4 Attendance requirements

As the collegial exchange of experiences and knowledge is an important element of the course, a high level of attendance is required. In the case of absence, participants are asked to contact the course coordinator in advance for a discussion about how the learning activity can be carried out or the course content obtained in another way. However, attendance during the first two days of the course is a condition for taking the course that semester. If the attendance rate is lower than 80%, the participant must retake the course. If a participant has not completed the course within two years of the start of the course, they must retake the course.

2.5 Examination

The course includes three compulsory assignments: a literature reflection, an observation or interview accompanied by a reflection, as well as a course report. The first two assignments will be discussed by the group in a seminar setting. The third assignment shall be submitted to the course coordinator.

2.6 Reading list

A selection of readings about supervising PhD students will be presented shortly before the start of the course.

2.7 Course certificate

A course certificate will be issued after satisfactory completion of the course.

3 PRIOR ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this course, participants need to have obtained a doctoral degree.