



Information Retrieval

Equivalent of 2 ECTS credits

Course Outline

Course Content

The course covers:

- Identifying databases and scholarly sources relevant to a specific subject area
- Designing a relevant search strategy
- Distinguishing between and using different database search techniques
- Evaluating search results

Approval

This course was formally approved on 2019-02-07 by the Library Director, Dnr ORU 2019/01007

Prior Academic Requirements

An undergraduate degree.

Admissions Policy

- Research students at Örebro University.
- Staff employed or affiliated with Örebro University.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, participants are expected to be able to:

- Design and perform a search strategy with direct relevance to the participant's field of expertise

- Identify and critically review sources of information relevant to the participant's field of expertise

Teaching Methods

The course is campus-based and taught through:

- Seminars and independent studies.

Attendance on all seminars and teaching sessions is obligatory.

Language of Instruction

During the autumn term, the course is given in Swedish. The course reading material is in English. During the spring term, the course is given in English.

Assessment

Examination is individual and based on a written individual hand-in assignment as well as attendance and active participation during the seminars. Participants are allowed three attempts to pass the written individual hand-in assignment. Participants must complete these three attempts within a one-year period after the course end date.

Certificate

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

Reading List

PhD on Track (2018). Sections: "Searching", "Search examples", "Reviewing" and "Types of reviews" under Search and *review*. Retrieved from: <http://www.phdontrack.net/> (2019-01-15)

Rumsey, S. (2008). *How to find information: a guide for researchers*. Maidenhead: McGraw-Hill/Open University Press. (Read chapters 6 plus glossary and checklist. Remaining chapters can be skim read.)

Based on your subject area, you will be recommended further reading by your academic liaison librarian.