



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR
2001/2002

INF 2140 Bachelor Thesis in Information Technology

Program

Bachelor of Business Administration Program in Information Technology

Responsible for the course

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Technology Management

Term

Fall, Spring

ECTS Credits

15

In the course of their 3rd year the students must write a bachelor thesis (5 credits). The thesis is usually written in groups of up to 3 students, but it's possible to write it individually, upon application. The topic of the thesis is to be chosen from a problem area determined by the students involving information technology.

All the students must participate in the compulsory thesis seminars which cover the methodological aspects of thesis work. Tutoring is normally only offered in the regular thesis semester, the overall teaching framework comprises 32 course hours with thesis seminars and individual tutoring. The total workload for the thesis is estimated at 400 working hours, it is expected that students employ 80 hours in the fall semester and 320 hours in the spring semester.

Objective

Thesis work should:

- Contribute to students' understanding the interaction between theory and practice
- Contribute to students' developing an understanding of the connection between business-related considerations, choice of solutions and expected consequences of these decisions.

We wish to emphasize the students' own responsibility for defining their thesis work.

Prerequisites

The thesis builds on the program syllabus.

Compulsory literature

Ghuri, P. N., K. Grønhaug & I. Kristianslund. 1995. *Research methods in business studies: A practical guide*. New York: Prentice Hall.

Sannes, R., red. *Kompendium for diplomseminarer ved IT-studie t.* Sandvika.

Handelshøyskolen BI. (Vil evt. publiseres i elektronisk utgave).

Recommended literature

Garrity, E.J. & G.L. Sanders. 1998. *Information systems success measurement*. Hershey, Pa: Idea Group Publishing.

Course outline

- How should one evaluate development and use of IT and IT solutions
- Methodological considerations - the links between research method and chosen problem area
- Syllabus-related considerations - the links between syllabus and substance in the thesis
- Thesis work - structure, organization and writing technique
- Relevant computer-based tools

Computer-based tools

Computer-based tools will be defined for each project

Course structure

The course duration is two semesters, students register for the lecture course INF 2141 in the fall and INF 2142 in the spring.

Evaluation

The students hand in their thesis at the end of the course.

Evaluation code(s)

INF 21401 which accounts for 100% of the grade in INF 2140, 5 credits.

Aids at the examination

All aids are allowed.

Makeup exam

A re-sit is held in connection with the next scheduled exam in the course.