



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

FORK 1004 Course in Study Techniques

Program

Responsible for the course

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Department

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

0

Language of instruction

English

The course is offered for new students at graduate level.

Learning outcome

The objective of this course is to help students to develop of their ways of learning and to look at how different study, reading and note-taking techniques can maximise success in studies at masters level. Various study tools and methods will be introduced to help students make the most of their demanding graduate studies and to help them be more structured and goal focused. These research skills will greatly assist students in completing assignments and projects as part of their masters degree programme. The course will also focus on the importance of using a proper reference system in term papers to avoid plagiarism (copying) in written exams, as copying is strictly illegal. The course also includes ideas for effective planning to help prepare masters students to manage the rigorous workload which a graduate programme entails. We will also work through examples of past exam questions to help students understand what is expected of them in exams at masters level.

Prerequisites

Under-graduate degree

Compulsory literature

Collection of articles:

Warner-Søderholm, Gillian et. al.. 2007. Course book in study strategies. Oslo: Handelshøyskolen BI. Handed out in class

Recommended literature

Books:

Payne, Elaine and Whittaker, L. 2006. Developing essential study skills. 2nd ed.. London: Prentice Hall

Course outline

Approaches to learning
Group forming and group dynamics
Motivation, recreation, self discipline and concentration
Effective planning
Repetition and effective revision
Speed reading techniques
How to make effective lecture notes
Learning in groups with others
Study ethics
Essay writing, search for literature and reference techniques
Exam formats

Computer-based tools

Course structure

The course is offered at the start of the fall semester over 8 lecture hours.

Evaluation

There is no formal exam in this course however the course will include a group project.

Evaluation code(s)**Aids at the examination****Makeup exam**