

New system for course evaluations at Fysikum

During autumn semester 2021, Fysikum will use the new system for course evaluations where the evaluations are linked to Athena. Anders Hedqvist (anders.hedqvist@fysik.su.se) is responsible for the administration of the course evaluations at Fysikum.

Questions

The course evaluations contain both the questions decided by the president of Stockholm University as well as a common set of questions that a working group appointed by the Undergraduate Education Committee (GUK) has proposed. These questions are formulated to work satisfactorily for the majority of our courses. The questions are listed below. Some questions are multiple choice questions where students answer using the scale from disagree to totally agree. In addition, the students can respond with the option not relevant. Students answer other questions with free text and for some questions it is possible to answer both using multiple choice and free text.

During the autumn semester 2021, there is no possibility to add course-specific questions, but if the teacher wishes, separate questions can be asked by e.g. create an anonymous "survey" in athena. Compilation of the survey can be attached to the course report as a pdf file.

The course evaluation service

The course evaluation opens after the examination of the course and the students will receive an automatic e-mail notification to the e-mail address to which they forward the student e-mail. A link to the course evaluation is also available on the course's athena page via Content > Course evaluation and the teacher is recommended to create a notification in Athena with a link to the course evaluation. Alternatively, the teacher can publish the link via another website for the course. The teacher has the opportunity to start the course evaluation at a specific time, but then the teacher should notify Anders about this.

Automatic reminders are sent to students who do not respond to the course evaluation.

The course evaluation closes after 10 days. Automatic compilations of quantitative answers (not free text answers) are sent to students registered for the course.

The person responsible administration of course evaluations has the possibility to adjust any inappropriate free text answers before the compilation of the course evaluation is sent to the teacher responsible for the course for analysis and the writing the course reflection.

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The course teacher receives a link via Athena to write a course reflection following a template.

The course report is sent out automatically to students on the course and it is published on the course page in the digital education catalog.

Feedback

On October 5, 2021 the undergraduate educational committee (GUK) has decided to use the course evaluation system with the proposed questions during the autumn semester 2021. During the spring semester 2022, the questions will be evaluated. Comments are then sent to the Anders and/or the director of undergraduate studies Åsa Larson (aasal@fysik.su.se).

Questions from SU

- Overall, I am satisfied with the course.
- The content of the course was relevant to me for achieving the expected learning outcomes.
- The teaching gave me good conditions to achieve the intended learning outcomes.
- The examination/assessment tested how well I achieved the intended learning outcomes.
- On average, I have spent approximately the following number of hours per week per week on the course, total time, including self-study.
- What was the best about the course ?
- What improvements would you suggest?

Questions from Fysikum

The second part contains a set of more specific questions about the different aspects of teaching in the course. They may not all be applicable, please answer the relevant ones. Select the appropriate option in your opinion and please elaborate on your answers in the open text option following the question.

- I am satisfied with the teaching during lectures.
- I am satisfied with the teaching during problem solving sessions.
- I am satisfied with the teaching during the tutorials.
- I am satisfied with the teaching during experiment sessions or projects.
- I am satisfied with the assignments in the course.
- I am satisfied with the examination in the course.
- I am satisfied with the course literature.
- What was the most demanding part of the course.

In the cover letter for the course evaluation, it is stated that students at the Department of Physics can turn to members of the committee for equal rights and opportunities to report misconduct concerning equality, accessibility, harassment and abusive discrimination.