

Department of Philosophy

Syllabus

for research course

Research ethics 4: The Value of Science Forskningsetik 4: Vetenskapens värde

1.5 Higher EducationCredits1.5 ECTS credits

Course code: FI1040F Valid from: Autumn 2022

Department Department of Philosophy

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

Show in-depth insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it is used

Be able to reason about the value of science, both in general and in relation to one's own subject area.

Content

Ethical considerations in research presuppose that other interests are balanced against the scientific value of the research and its expected results. But what is worth knowing and why? How can one balance the priorities that are made within a scientific discipline against the needs and wishes of society at large? Does the scientific community have a responsibility for the knowledge culture of society as a whole, and does this have any implications for the conduct of individual researchers? Under what circumstances should the researcher take up the role as expert and how should one behave in that role?

Mandatory exams

Participation in the seminar is mandatory and a requirement for passing the course.

Forms of examination

The course is examined on the basis of a written assignment in the form of take-home examination.

Form of instruction

The course includes pre-recorded lectures and a seminar. Teaching is in English. The take-home examination

may be written in English or Swedish.