

COURSE SYLLABUS

Systematic Searches and Scholarly Publishing, 3 credits

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Course Code: FHSSS34

Education Cycle: Third-cycle level

Confirmed: Jun 30, 2025

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Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

After completion of course the student is expected to have below skills and knowledge:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate understanding for a structured and systematic approach to the literature searching process
- demonstrate understanding for the landscape of scholarly publishing

Skills and abilities

- demonstrate ability to define an information need and to formulate an adequate search strategy for a chosen research question
- demonstrate skills to effectively search publications in chosen databases from a self-formulated search strategy

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate ability to make a relevant selection among retrieved publications based on established criteria
- demonstrate ability to select one or several journals for their own publication and motivate the choice on the basis of the selection criteria treated in the course and be able to evaluate them by using appropriate indicators
- demonstrate skills to formulate an appropriate publication strategy

Content

- Literature review types
- The literature searching process
- Library databases
- Development of scholarly communication
- Peer review
- Bibliometric indicators
- Publication strategy

Type of instruction

The teaching consists of lectures, workshops and exercises

Language of instruction is in English.

Entry requirements

The applicant must be admitted to the third-cycle programme at The School of Health and Welfare.

Examination and grades

The course is graded Pass (G) or Fail (U).

The examination is based on written assignments and active participation during assignment seminars

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Written examination	1.5 credits	G/U
Seminar	1.5 credits	G/U

Course literature

Please note that changes may be made to the reading list up until eight weeks before the start of the course.

Booth, A., Sutton, A., Clowes, M., & Martyn-St James, M. (2022) Systematic approaches to a successful literature review (Third ed.) SAGE.

See Course outline for additional literature (articles)

The most recent edition of the course literature should be used