

COURSE SYLLABUS

Research Ethics, 7.5 credits

Forskningsetik, 7.5 högskolepoäng

Course Code:	FH3FPUT	Education Cycle:	Third-cycle level
Confirmed:	Feb 04, 2025		
Valid From:	Aug 25, 2025		

Knowledge and understanding

- describe in depth laws and principles regulating the management of ethical issues in research.

Skills and abilities

- identify and relate research ethical challenges to the research process and apply awareness of scientific honesty.
- independently make research ethics assessments and motivate research ethical choices in relation to thesis work.
- evaluate and assess the ethical quality of research.

Judgement and approach

- reflect upon research ethics in relation to equality and diversity.
- reflect upon how their own research relates to sustainable development.

Content

- laws, rules, code of conduct for research ethics
- research ethics application
- ethical considerations throughout the research process
- sensitive data and populations' vulnerability
- ethical analysis
- central concepts such as informed consent, confidentiality, secrecy
- scientific honesty
- the researcher's freedom and responsibilities in relation to grant providers and employers
- research ethics paragraph in theses

Type of instruction

The course is implemented through lectures and seminars.

Language of instruction is in English.

Entry requirements

The applicant must be admitted to a third-cycle programme.

Examination and grades

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

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Examination of the course will be based upon written assignment and seminars.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Written assignment	4 credits	G/U
Seminars	3.5 credits	G/U

Other information

Selection for admission :

1. Students registered in the third-cycle program at Jönköping University.
2. Students registered in the third-cycle program at another university.

Course literature

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

Vetenskapsrådet. (2017). *Good research practice* . <https://www.vr.se/english/analysis/reports/our-reports/2017-08-31-good-research-practice.html>

Hughes, J., Hunter, D., Sheehan, M., Wilkinson, S., & Wirgley, A. (2010). *European textbook on ethics in research* . Publications Office of the European Union. <https://ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:cf871891-70da-4229-b412-518aa23897d6/files/m868d2650eff1bb2aad4ab0ef407bf48c>

Iphofen, R., & Tolich, M. (Eds.). (2018). *The SAGE handbook of qualitative research ethics* . SAGE Publications Ltd.

Further scientific articles and reports may be added.

The most recent editions of course literature should be used.