Master Programme

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS STRATEGY

Introduction

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Welcome to the School of Business and Economics!

Don't forget to register for your first course latest today!





Welcome to the International Business Strategy (IBS) Master of Science programme!











The IBS programme team (core Professors / Lecturers):



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Professor Anders Pehrsson



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Ms Heidi C Thornton Lecturer



Ms. Irene O Achieng PhD Candidate



Ms. Virginia M-Sanchez PhD Candidate





Research based program

- literature (article and books) written by the program team
- cases from research



Complemented by scientific articles, reports and China Research Blog



nationalization

Application of research knowledge to contemporary international business

- Integrated of practice into the courses through study visit, reports and theses
- Combining theory with current cases and applied assignments
- Interaction with local companies and business environment















International business strategy studies in a multi-cultural environment

- Between 20-45 students yearly
- Diverse student body
- Applications come from all over the world
- Admissions are based on merit, but we wish to get representation from all parts of the world
- We require some multicultural teamwork in courses
- At the end of the course, students jointly write theses with co-authors from different parts of the world











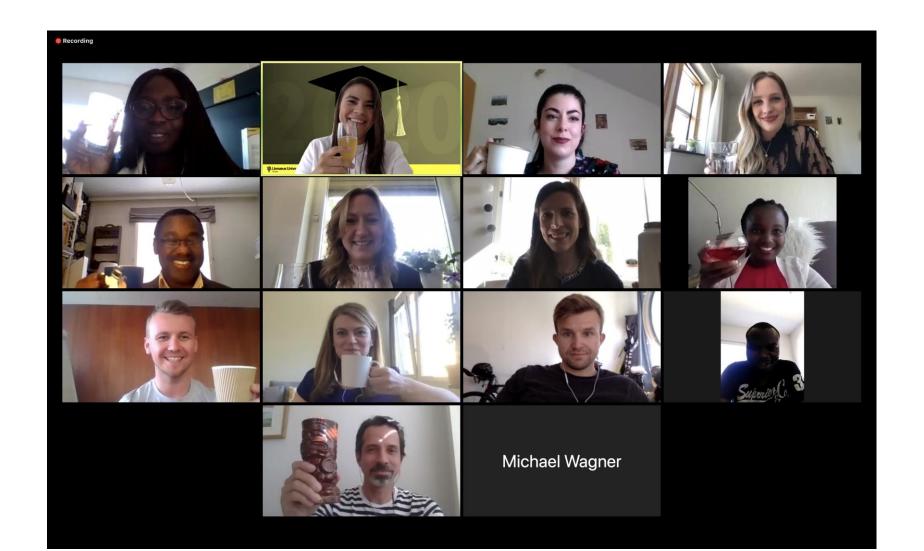






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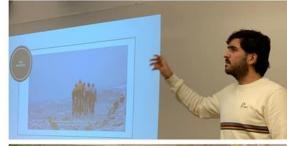
First two-year MSc class to graduate!



Second two-year MSc class to graduate! International business strategy 2019/21

- 22 students
- 12 nationalities





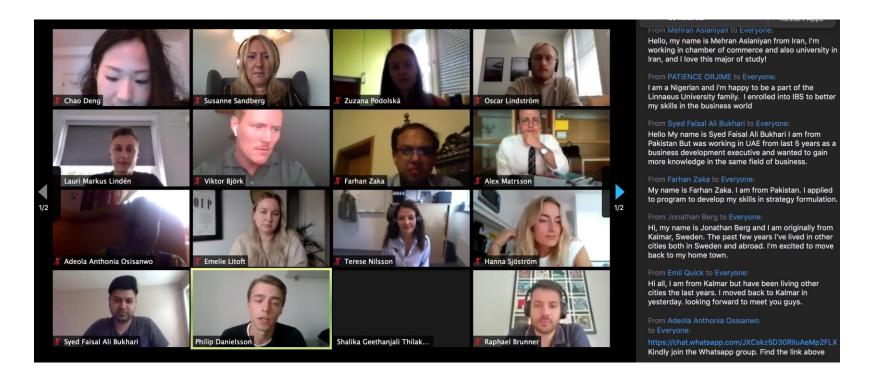




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Studying during the pandemic

We started the Fall 2020 semester online with a new batch of 50 new IBS students across the world





Pedagogic approach

- Single course: 7.5ECTS runs over 5 weeks
- Standard study time is 40 hours a week At least ¾ independent studies
- Lecturers introduce the subject and explain what students should do
- Master's students are assumed to have solid Bachelor's education / knowledge
- Master's students are assumed to have English academic writing experience
- Master's students should have the capacity for analytic reasoning and independent work
- Master's students are responsible for their own learning keep updated on course schedule and course plans, read course literature, attend lectures, workshops, seminars, guest lectures, study visits... Information is found in MyMoodle!
- Respectful dialogue between Lecturer and adult student do not hesitate to ask questions and discuss
- Master's programme council -2-3 times per academic year



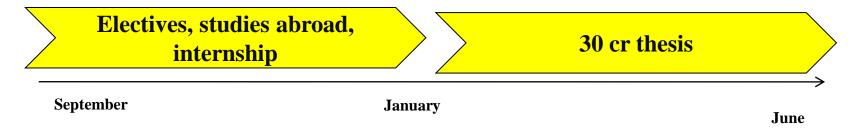
Outline International Business Strategy Master's programme

2-year master

First Year



2nd Year



For one year students:



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Programme overview and courses

Spring 2025	IBS master degree project 30 cr (5FE40E) Master thesis in groups of 1-2 students				
Fall 2024	Elective courses 30 cr Studies abroad (30cr) Courses at other departments and universities e.g. Leadership in an international context programme (15 or 30 cr) 4FE660 – Internship (15 cr)				
Spring 2024	U	0.0	Methodology in International Business Research (4FE600)	Contemporary International Business Research (4FE602)	
Fall 2023			Business Strategy Markets (4FE517)	Internationalization of the entrepreneurial firm	



Course 1: Global Challenges and Opportunities (7,5 credits)

- A cross-disciplinary course on global challenges and opportunities that affect international business
- The course contains different modules about the implications of globalization and megatrends, sustainability, the sharing economy, and corporate social responsibility (CSR) for international business
- The course has a module on academic writing and presentation skills

as well as academic data gathering and information search in electronic databases.





Course 2: International Business Strategy in Emerging Country Markets (15 credits)

- Focuses on the growth of business opportunities in emerging country markets and the challenges of succeeding there.
- Focuses on business strategy in relation to institutions, the business market, and the socio-cultural environment in emerging country markets
- Provides students with knowledge of the nature and scope of international firms' strategies and international business operations in emerging country markets
- Students apply international business strategy and solve international business problems in emerging country markets by applying models on actual business situations of case companies





Course 3: Internationalization of Entrepreneurial Firms (7,5 credits)

- The course focuses on internationalization process theories of how SMEs do international business
- It analyzes SMEs' opportunity identification and exploitation in an international context



- The course contains application of theories to, and analysis of internationalizing entrepreneurial SMEs development processes
- As task for the course, the students will work with case companies, write and present an international new venture proposal

Course 4: Knowledge and Innovation-based Strategy (7,5 credits)

• The course emphasizes different types of knowledge and their role for dynamic organizations and innovation.



 It focuses on learning in international business, strategic management of learning and how the acquired knowledge can be managed to contribute to the long-term success of international firms

• It focuses on the creation of knowledge in organizations, how to organize for knowledge creation in cross-border settings, and organizational learning from a strategic and operational perspective.

Course 5: Methodology (7.5 credits)

- This course focuses on scientific research methodology
- It is assumed that students have basic knowledge of research methodology from Bachelor's studies
- Formulation and implementation of quantitative and qualitative research methodology
- Planning, collection, and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data
- In a sense, a summary course on scientific research methodology



Course 6: Methodology in International Business Research (7,5 credits)

- The main objective is for students to learn to write research-based articles and theses in international business
- Students will apply their previous knowledge of scientific research from their Bachelor's studies and the Methodology course
- The course will provide knowledge of types of research papers in international business
- Students will learn to develop relevant research questions in the field of international business.
- Students will apply knowledge of scientific methodology to plan and write a research study
- Students will present and discuss their research in a seminar



Course 7: Contemporary International Business Research (7,5 credits)

- This course will give a historical expose of the research field of international business.
- The course focuses on literature from different essential areas of international business research and practice



- Students will learn to conduct literature reviews of classical articles leading up to contemporary work in international business research.
- Current issues, challenges and opportunities of international firms will be covered



Year 2: Elective courses (30 credits) and Master's Thesis (30 credits)

Elective courses (30 credits)

- Studies abroad more than 200 partner universities
- Internship course work internships at a company or organization including academic institutions in Sweden or abroad (15 credits)
- Elective courses at LNU or other university



 Independently formulate research questions, plan and conduct a master thesis



Semesters and periods academic year 2021-22

Fall semester 2023: 28-08-2023 – 14-01-2024

Period 1

Monday 28-08-2023 - Sunday 01-10-2023

Period 2

Monday 02-10-2023 - Sunday 05-11-2023

Period 3

Monday 06-11-2023 - Sunday 10-12-2023

Period 4

Monday 11-12-2023 - Sunday 14-01-2024

Spring semester 2024

Semester 15-01-2024 - 2024-06-02

Period 1

Monday 15-01-2024 - Sunday 18-02-2024

Period 2

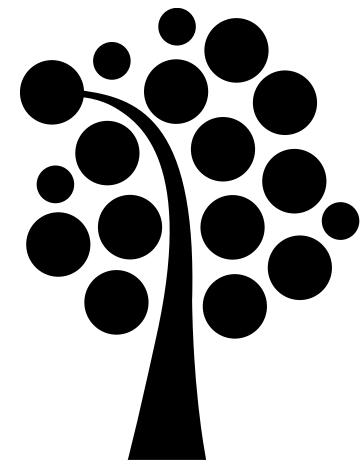
Monday 19-02-2024 - Sunday 24-03-2024

Period 3

Monday 25-03-2024 - Sunday 28-04-2024

Period 4

Monday 29-04-2024 - Sunday 02-06-2024



We co-create knowledge, making people grow





After your studies at the program

- Degree: Master of Science in Business Administration with specialization International Business Strategy
- Further studies PhD
- Worklife
 - International Business Analyst
 - International Business / Marketing Manager
 - Consultant (International Consulting Company, e.g. E.Y, McKinsey)
 - Jobs in Sweden, abroad, and in home country
 - Academic Career



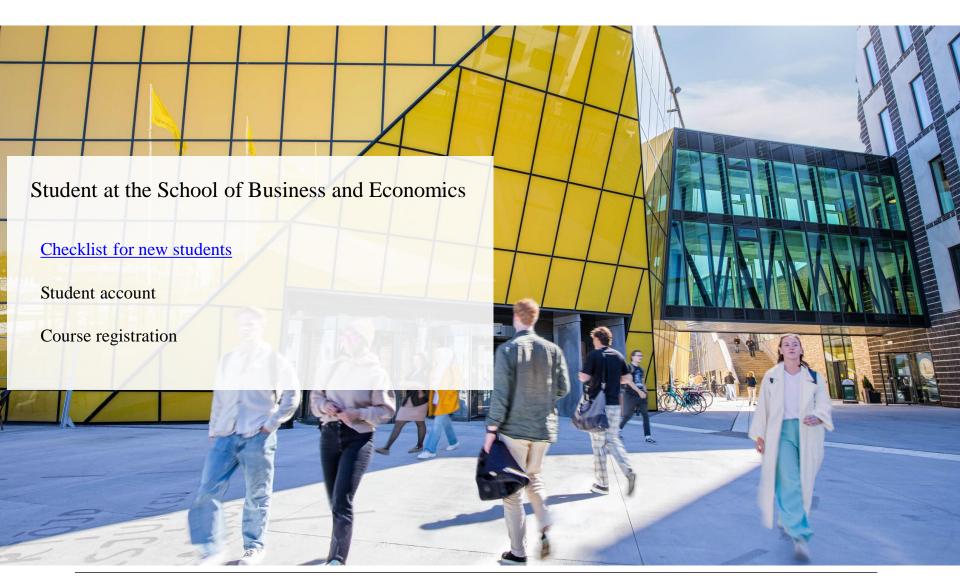
Meet alumni by connecting to IBS Alumni at LinkedIn or join the International Business Strategy group on Facebook!



The School of Business and Economics, House FORMA









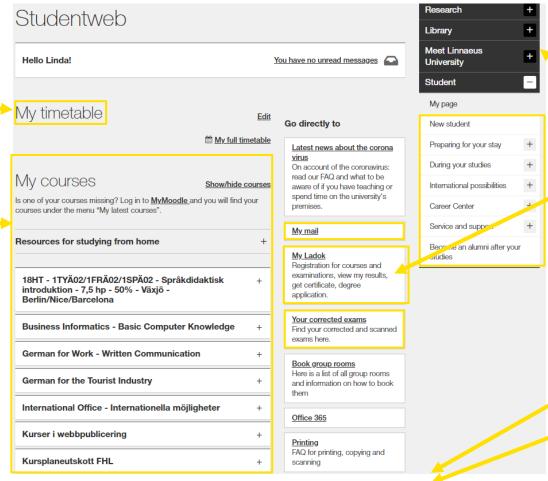


Studentweb

When you are registered to a course, you will find your schedule here

Click on the course:

- Link to course room on MyMoodle
- Link to course syllabus
- Information about registration period for examination



Important information during your studies

<u>Ladok:</u>

- Registration for courses
- Results
- Sign up for examination
- Certificates

My student news:

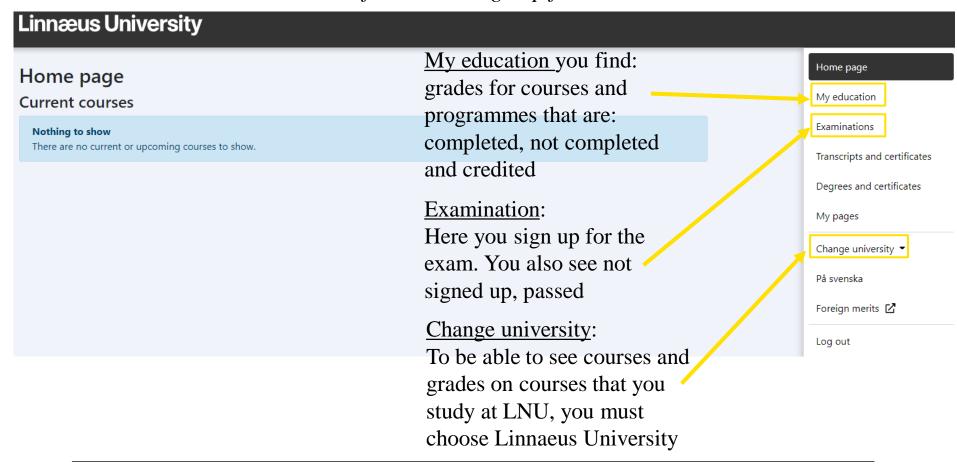
My student calendar

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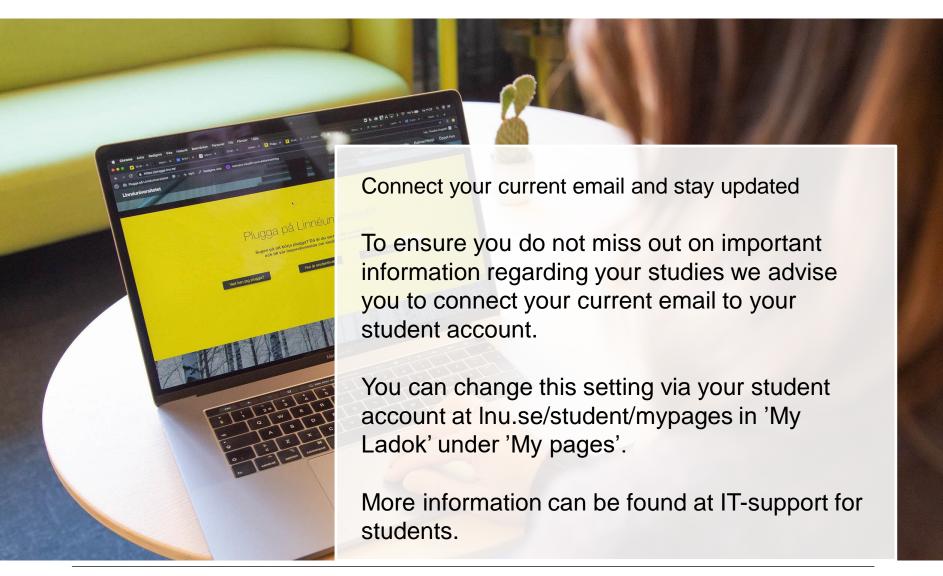


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Results, Certificates and sign up for examinations







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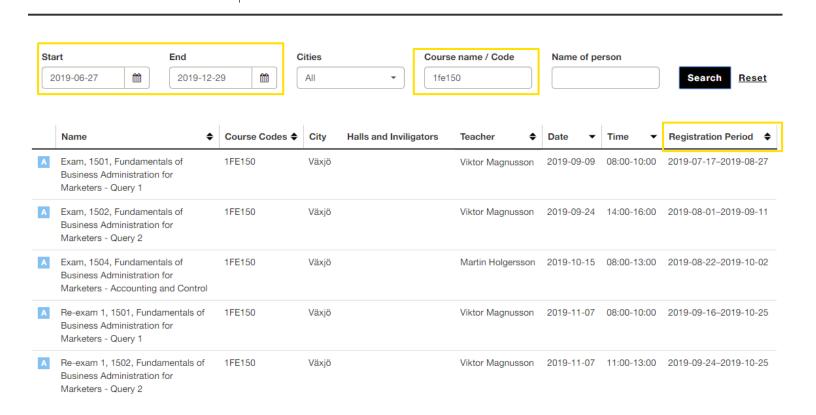


Timetable

Once a timetable is published, you can find it via TimeEdit

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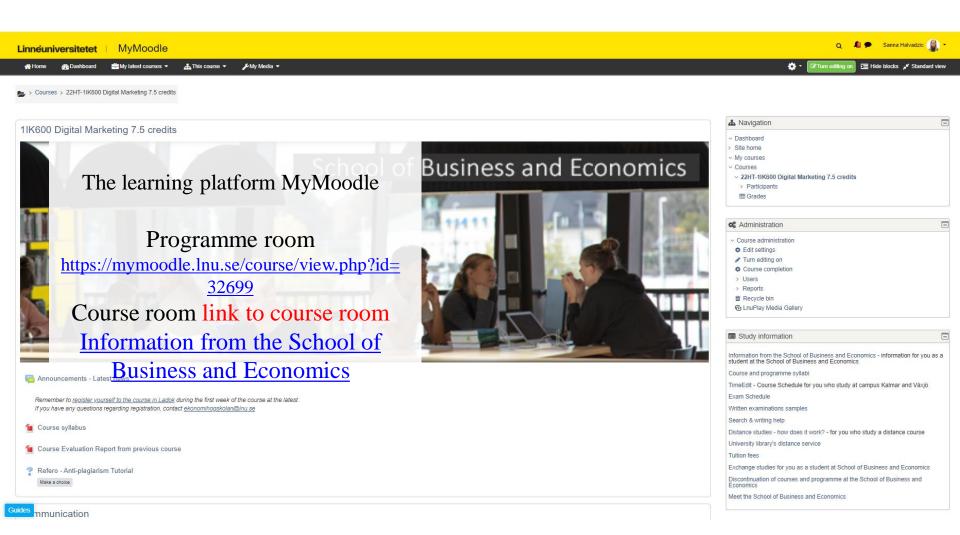




Exam Search and Registration (previous slide)

- Exam Schedule (only applicable to courses given on campus)
- Students can see the next opportunity to take an exam by going to salstentamen.lnu.se (link in previous slide).
- When searching, make sure to fill in the following:
 - End (final day for search query)
 - Course name / code
- Under Date the date when the exam is given
- Under Registration period the dates when the exam is open for registration
- Note that the registration for an exam is not made through the exam schedule, but through Ladok, accessed via the student web.





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Course and programme syllabus

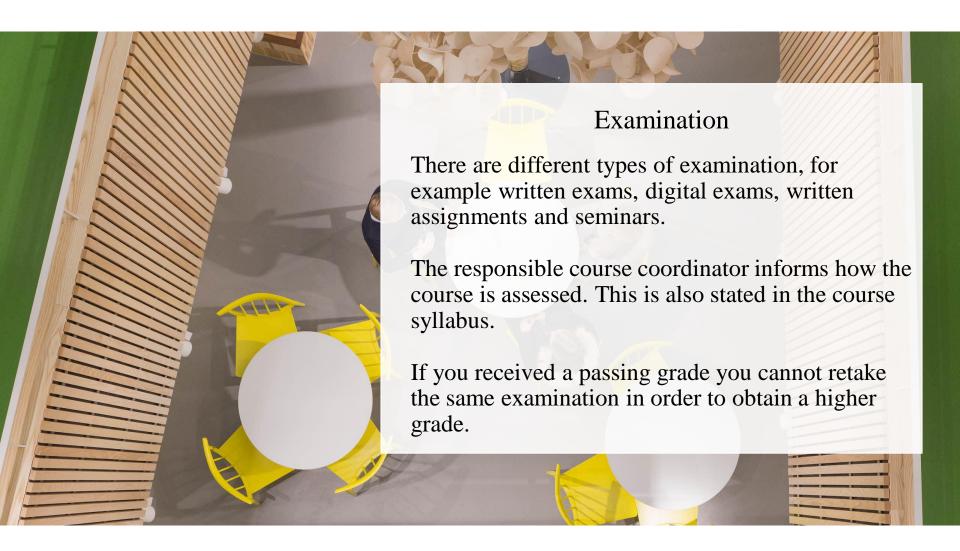
The programme syllabus governs a programme's objectives, structure, content and degree.

The course syllabus governs the learning objectives, content, examination, literature etc. of the respective course.

It always specifies what prerequisites must be met to be eligible to register and take the course.

Always read through the course syllabus prior to each new course.









Written classroom examination

It is compulsory to sign up for written exams.

Late sign-up is **not** possible.

A valid ID must be presented for a written classroom exam in order to have the right to write the examination.

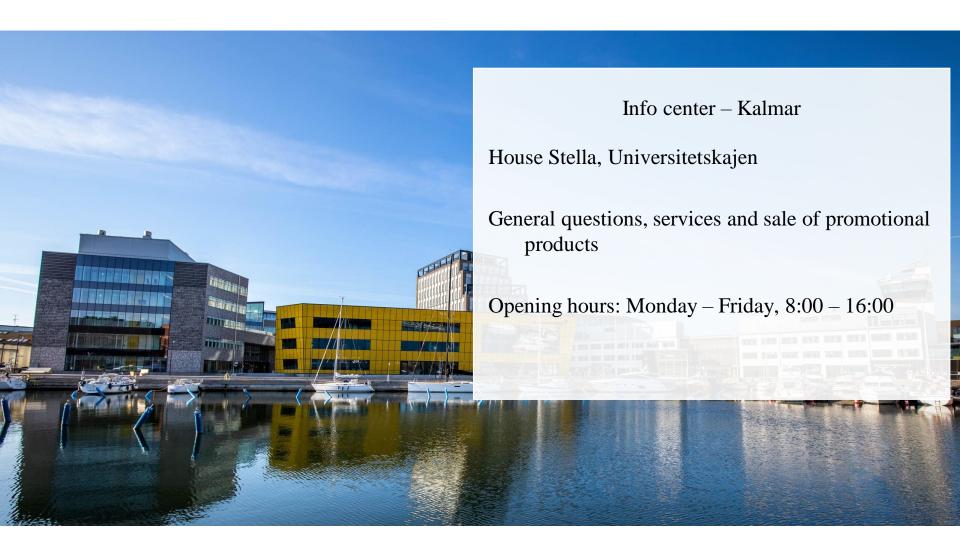
The School of Business and Economics usually offers three examinations during one academic year. Thereafter, re-examination is referred to the next time the course is given.

Plan your studies – see <u>Exam Schedule</u>

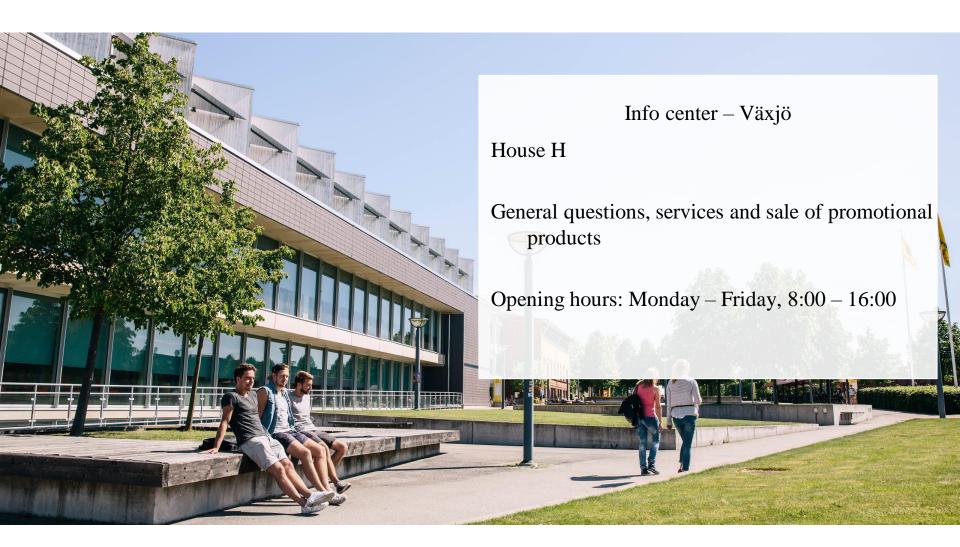














General grading criteria for the A-F scale at the School of Business and Economics

Your performance is measured in proportion to how well you have met the course objectives.

Grade	Assessment	Your results are equivalent to one of the following criteria for each objective for the course
A	Excellent	Outstanding results with only a few minor shortcomings
В	Very good	Very good results with only a few shortcomings
C	Good	Generally good but with some shortcomings
D	Satisfactory	Acceptable level but there are several shortcomings
E	Sufficient	The results meet the minimum criteria
Fx	Insufficient	The Examiner/course coordinator may, in exceptional cases, decide that a student who is close to the threshold for E may perform assignments for extra credit to reach the grade of E. The examiner/course coordinator notifies the student in writing of the rules for submitting such extra credit assignments. The grade of F is assigned in anticipation of the extra credit , and the grade is changed to E if the extra credit is approved.
F	Insufficient	Significantly more work is required



Weighing up of grades for the whole course

The performance is weighted in relation to how well the goals of the course have been

All of the course's assessment tasks must be passed before the cumulative grade can be calculated.

The programme administrator performs the mathematical calculation using set principles.

The grade documentation is submitted to the examiner for a decision by signing the results list.

Grades are weighted when the programme administrator translates all assessment tasks graded for a course into figures in accordance to the table on the right.

Number scale for weighted average	
9.0	
8.0	
7.0	
6.5	
6.0	

A-F grading scale	Mathematical grade thresholds		
A	8.51-9.00		
В	7.51–8.50		
C	6.76–7.50		
D	6.26–6.75		
E	6.0–6.25		

Course X, 15 credits	Grade	Translation	Weighted average
Assessment task 1; exam 7.5 credits	В	8	8*(7.5/15) = 4.0
Assessment task 2; case 4.5 credits	C	7	7*(4.5/15) = 2.1
Assessment task 3; lab work 3 credits	D	6.5	6.5*(3/15) = 1.3
Total			7.4

Each assessment task is given the percentage weight that corresponds to the amount of credits it covers. As a result, the sample course gets a C, given that the average was 7.4.





Course evaluations

After each completed course – please fill out the course evaluation!

The course evaluation is your chance to influence, comment and contribute to good course quality

You are anonymous when filling in the course evaluation so you do not need to fear retaliation from the lecturer

However, use it for honest, constructive comments. Personal attacks on the lecturer will not help them to improve the coure for the next students.



Apply to your programme courses

Applications for next semester's courses are done through www.universityadmissions.se

In some cases you will not need to apply for courses in the coming semester, in which case you will be given infomation about this.

Information about how you apply, you will find at <u>Information from the School of</u>
<u>Business and Economics</u>

As a programme student you have a guaranteed seat on programme courses.

The application period is open October 2 to October 16 for the 2024 spring semester.

The application period is open April 2 to April 16 for the 2024 autumn semester.

Application problems? Contact <u>admisson@lnu.se</u>
Other questions <u>ekonomihogskolan@lnu.se</u>



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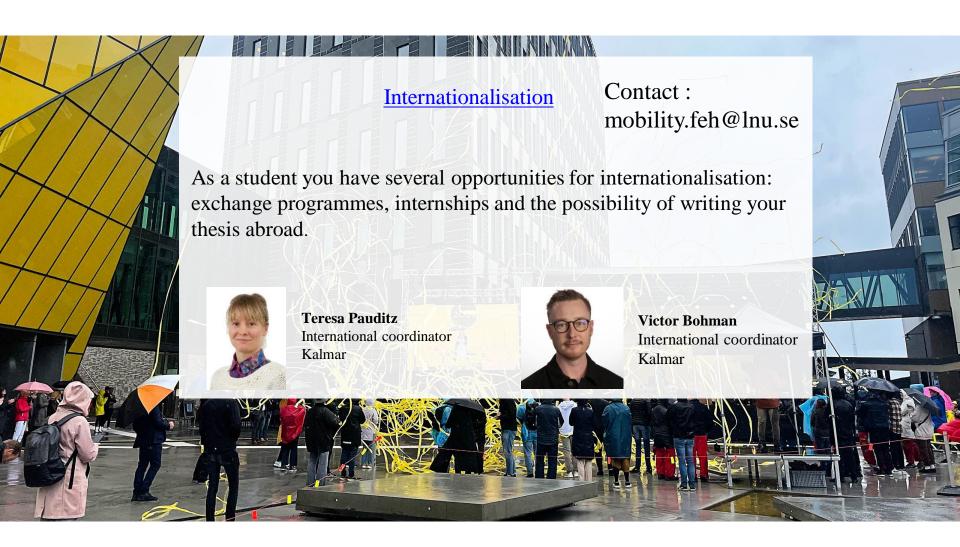
Economics – An information page on Mymoodle



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Student counselling at the School of Business and Economics (previous slid)

- The School of Business and Economics has three student counsellors, one in Kalmar and two in Växjö. They help the students with the following:
- Student counselling and individuell student planning
- Matters involving choices within programmes
- Approved leave of studies
- Taking a break from studies
- Changing programmes
- Make an appointment if you need to meet with a student counsellor, be prepared with your questions to optimise your visit.



Career counselling service

Do you need help starting up your job search process? The career counselling service at Linnaeus University, Lnu Career, will offer you support when you try to figure out how your education, your experience, and your personal qualifications are best summarised into a powerful job application.



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