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## EX0637 Master thesis in Forest Management at the dept of Forest Economics, 30.0 credits

*Examensarbete i Forest Science vid inst för skogsekonomi*

The course is given Forest Science - Master's Programme

**Syllabus approved:** 2009-11-19 (from SS 2010)

**Versions:** 1. SS 2010 -

**Subjects:** Forest Science/Forest Management

**Education cycle:** Advanced cycle

**Advanced study in the main field:** Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits) (A2E)

**Marking scale:** 5:Pass with Distinction, 4:Pass with Credit, 3:Pass, U:Fail

The requirements for attaining different grades are described in the course assessment criteria which are contained in a supplement to the course syllabus. Current information on assessment criteria shall be made available at the start of the course.

### Prerequisites:

The equivalent of: BSc thesis in Forest Science/Forest Management 15 credits, 30 credits Forest Science/Forest Management advanced level and English B (TOEFL score minimum 550 / Computer score 220 / IELTS score of 6.0. Special demands for special thesis may occur.

### Objective:

The student shall after completion of the thesis be able to:

- use previously acquired knowledge in order to independently and individually solve an assignment at advanced level
- identify a scientific problem, choose a suitable problem solving method, and collect relevant data
- search and collect literature or other information needed to put the work in a scientific context
- analyse and discuss collected data on a scientific basis
- write a report where the study is presented in a correct, interesting and linguistically good way
- orally present the study at a seminar

### Content

To fulfil the learning outcomes, the student shall based on previously acquired knowledge and in collaboration with the supervisor identify a for the subject suitable problem. The student work independently with support from the supervisor. The student has access to library, computers and other special equipment that might be needed to solve the problem. The student shall report the work in paper that is graded based on introduction to the problem, problem formulation, description of material and methods, data processing, conclusions, use of literature, linguistic usage, and extent of irrelevant text.

### Implementation

Scheduled activities	Hours	Compulsory
- Presentation of literature search	approx. 3	
- Report seminar	approx. 2	
<b>Individual studies, not scheduled</b>		
- Literature search	approx. 80	
- Planning and data acquisition	approx. 240	
- Compilation and analyses of data and report writing	approx. 440	
- Preparing report seminar and publishing	approx. 35	
<b>Total</b>	<b>approx. 800</b>	

### Literature:

Joint course literature is established separately and is listed in a supplement to the course syllabus. Current information about joint course literature shall be made available not later than eight (8) weeks prior to course start.

### Requirements for examination:

1. Literature search within the scientific area in question
2. Oral presentation of the results at a seminar, with an audience familiar with the scientific area.
3. Scientific report which should be electronically published in EPSILON.

Approved demands according to above. The examiner approves of the thesis when it fulfils the scientific and reporting requirements.

General regulations and guidelines for assessment and grading is established in the [regulations](#) for education in first and second cycle at SLU.

### Additional information

The main part of the literature consists of scientific papers that the student independently finds and in cooperation with the supervisor judge as relevant to the project chosen.

More detailed information about master thesis is to be found in the report "Instruktion för Examensarbete vid Fakulteten för skogsvetenskap, SLU" and from the the department of Forest Economics.

The Master thesis may start when the WORK PLAN is established and acknowledged.

### Responsible department

[Department of Forest Economics](#)

### Location

Umeå