

Economics and Business Administration (EBA) Module description

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| Module title, ECTS credits <i>Module 1: Problem statement project. Theme: Definition of a company. 5 ECTS</i> |
| Location <i>EBA 1. Semester, fall 2017</i> |
| Module coordinator <i>Arnim Decker.</i> |
| Type and language <i>Project Module. Language of instruction: English</i> |
| Objectives Knowledge: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflecting on how to create a problem formulation, i.e. substantiate, document and define a problem within the area defined by the theme of the project period• Defining what constitutes a company.• Explaining how the chosen problem formulation is relevant within the chosen subject. Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substantiating and choosing a problem formulation which is relevant to the project period theme.• Producing notes and a bibliography, using the correct methods.• Using and addressing sources and evaluate others use of sources including statistics relevant for the project rapport• Assessing and using the literature on which the project report is based Competences: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describing the experience of collaboration within the group and with the supervisor.• Providing arguments for the type of problem formulation selected. |
| Academic content and conjunction with other modules/semesters <i>The group must write a project rapport focusing on the problem formulation and the experience that the</i> |

students have achieved working as a group. Both are core skills in Problem Based Learning (PBL). The lectures and the supervision support this work.

Module 1 is the first problem based project in a row of upcoming projects during the EBA. It is meant to give the student the skills that are essential in the Module 3 project work and will be further elaborated and refined in several project modules to come. The lectures conducted in module 1 consist of basic project work skills and inspiration and ideas for project subjects.

Scope and expected performance

5 ECTS is equivalent to 135 hours work. The main part of the work takes place in the group organised and problem based project work. The group is expected to plan own meetings and how the work load is divided between group meetings and individual preparation for the meetings. The groups are entitled to a meeting with their supervisor approximately once a week.

The following lectures will be held during Module 1.

(Required reading, time and place will be posted in Moodle)

1x2 hours: Module introduction (Arnim Decker, Postdoc)

1x2 hours: Defining firms introduction (Svetla Trifonova Marinova, Professor)

2x2 hours: Defining Firms (Arnim Decker, Postdoc)

2x2 hours: Problem based method (Pernille Gjerløv-Juel, Assistant Professor)

2x2 hours: Group Work and project management (Kim Malmbak Møller, Assistant Professor)

2x2 hours: Library course, Literature sources, text Analysis (Mette Buje Grundsøe)

2x2 hours: Statistics (Pernille Gjerløv-Juel, Assistant Professor)

In addition a one day excursion will be arranged mid-September and the tutors (older students) will arrange social activities.

Examination

Oral group exam (duration max. 1½ hours) with an internal co-examiner. The module will be assessed as pass/fail. A "pass" will be awarded to students who demonstrate that they possess basic understanding of the objectives of the module.

2-3 groups will have the exam together and will act as opponents. The assessment takes the individual students contributions to the discussion of both own project rapport and opponents rapport into consideration.

Only students who have turned in the project rapport on time can take part in the exam. Precise time for

turning in the rapport (week 39) and the schedule for the exam will be posted by study secretary Julie Søgaard in Moodle.

The rapport must not exceed 25 pages, including approximately 5 pages for a description of the experience with collaboration in the group.