



**Karolinska
Institutet**

Course syllabus for

Popular scientific communication, 7.5 credits

Populärvetenskaplig kommunikation, 7.5 hp

This course has been cancelled, for further information see Transitional provisions in the last version of the syllabus.

Course code	1XX012
Course name	Popular scientific communication
Credits	7.5 credits
Form of Education	Higher Education, study regulation 2007
Main field of study	Not applicable
Level	GX - First cycle
Grading scale	Pass, Fail
Department	Department of Physiology and Pharmacology
Decided by	Styrelsen för utbildning
Decision date	2007-12-18
Revised by	Board of Higher Education
Last revision	2014-11-26
Course syllabus valid from	Autumn 2007

Specific entry requirements

120 credits in medicine, technique, science or care.

Objectives

On completion of the course, the student should

- understand the role and preconditions of the science journalism
- have insight in the working method of various media e.g. newspapers, special journals, radio, TV and web
- have acquired an understanding of the basics of journalistic communication
- have improved his own writing ability with a focus on formulation and layout - have obtained an insight into editorial work and, maybe, published something in a popular science forum.

Content

The course is, apart from lectures by leading science reporters, structured around written exercises with individual feedback from science reporters and an editorial post. The editorial post is carried out in cooperation with a supervisor with major experience and skills in medical/scientific journalism.

Teaching methods

Student-activating planning. Mainly project-based where the lectures aim at providing an overview and an introduction. Three major written exercises take place during the course. Furthermore 10 days of an editorial post.

Examination

Written exercises and oral reporting of the editorial post.

Compulsory parts:

- Written exercises, I) News item, II) Article and III) News item directed towards children.
- Editorial post with written and oral presentation.
- Lectures: Popular science, Business and pleasure, Interview technique, To write an article, Rhetorics, Presentation techniques, Can you write what you want in the newspaper.
- Visits at Sveriges Radio.
- Reporting of editorial posts.

In case of a failed part, there is a possibility to make up with a project work.

Transitional provisions

The course has been cancelled and was offered for the last time in the spring 2012. Examination will be provided until the fall semester of 2015 for students who have not completed the course.

Literature and other teaching aids

A field guide for science writers

Blum, Deborah; Knudson, Mary; Henig, Robin Marantz

2. ed. : Oxford ; a New York : Oxford Univ. Press, 2006 - xiv, 321 s.

ISBN:0-19-517498-4 LIBRIS-ID:10208263

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Grünbaum, Catharina

Språkbladet

Lundkvist, Ulf

[Ny utg.] : Stockholm : MånPocket, 2003 - 222, [2] s.

ISBN:91-7001-110-9 LIBRIS-ID:9208353

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Levi, Ragnar

Medical journalism : exposing fact, fiction, fraud

Lund : Studentlitteratur, 2000 - 206 s.

ISBN:91-44-00952-6 LIBRIS-ID:8352765

[Library search](#)

Nelkin, Dorothy

Selling science : how the press covers science and technology

Rev. ed. : New York, n.y. : Freeman, cop. 1995 - x, 217 s.

ISBN:0-7167-2595-9 (hft.) LIBRIS-ID:5508168

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