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General syllabus for the doctoral programme in the subject of:

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Department to which the syllabus applies

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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The goals and design of the programme may vary between departments (see 4. Miscellaneous)

Regulations for third-cycle (doctoral) education at SLU

These can be found in the [Guidelines for third-cycle \(doctoral\) education](#) (reg. no SLU ua Fe.2012.40-3218) and [Admission regulations for third-cycle \(doctoral\) education at SLU](#) (reg. no. SLU ua Fe.2012.4.4-3467). These governing documents lay out rules and recommendations for *entry requirements, recruitment and admission, joint programmes leading to a double or joint degree, scope and content of the programme, planning and follow-up of the programme, procedure when a course or study programme is unsatisfactory, examination and degrees.*

General study plans for subjects within the doctoral studies can provide additional, subject-specific rules in addition to these joint rules. This document specifies the subject-specific rules for the subject business administration. In other respects the third-cycle studies in this subject shall adhere to the Guidelines for third-cycle education and the Admission regulations for third-cycle education at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

1. Purpose and objectives

After completing the programme, the student should be familiar with the general tools of science as well as the research methods that are typical of the subject field business administration. The purpose is to meet the qualitative targets for third-

cycle studies specified in the Higher Education Ordinance, Annex 2 – Qualifications ordinance.

2. Entry requirements

Those admitted shall meet the following specific entry requirements.

Specific entry requirements for the subject are at least 90 credits in business administration. Some broadening is also recommended through courses in adjacent fields as well as the basics of statistics and mathematics. Normally, at least 30 credits in the specific specialisation (agricultural business finance, cooperation, marketing or small-scale businesses) is also required.

3. Scope and content of the programme

The programme contains two main elements: research and coursework.

Research

The doctoral student shall conduct scientific work during his/her period of study, which is to be presented in a doctoral thesis corresponding to at least 2.5 years (165 credits) for a Degree of Doctor and at least 1.25 years (75 credits) for a Degree of Licentiate. The thesis shall normally be in the form of a compilation thesis, normally comprising four publishable articles and an introductory chapter, in scope corresponding to another article, where the thesis work is synthesised and put in a scientific context. Of the four articles, the doctoral student shall be the lead author of at least three and the sole author of one. The independently authored article should primarily constitute the final article of the programme and counts as one of the three main-authored articles. When applying for the public defence of the thesis, at least one article shall be accepted for publication in a high quality scientific journal that can be found in one of the databases Web of Science, Web of Knowledge or Scopus. The doctoral student shall be the lead author of this article. If this requirement is not met, the thesis must pass an advance review according to the University's guidelines.

In cases where the works included in the thesis have multiple authors, the doctoral student's own contributions shall be clearly specified in the thesis, or in an appendix to the thesis. Within the main subject of business administration at the Department of Economics, SLU, there is a policy for main authorship and co-authorship which shall be applied when determining the ordering of authors.

Courses

The student is required to undertake coursework which corresponds to at least 90 credits for a Degree of Doctor, and at least 45 credits for a Degree of Licentiate. These studies shall include suitable general courses (about half of the total credits) as well as individually selected subject courses (about half of the total credits). The first semester consists of a compulsory basic package of courses in the philosophy of knowledge, methods and about the research process. These courses are normally

offered in cooperation with the Stockholm School of Economics and Uppsala University.

4. Miscellaneous

Further information about third-cycle studies is available in SFS 2006:1053, and information about grants can be found in SFS 1995:938 as amended by 1998:81 (reprint), 1998:161 and 2006:1053. Information about third-cycle studies at SLU is available in the Admission regulations for third-cycle (doctoral) education (reg. no SLU ua 41-1482/07) with the annex to the Board's decision of 26 April 2007, reg. no SLU ua 41-1482/07, the Vice-Chancellor's decision and the guidelines for doctoral education at the Faculty of Natural Resources and Agricultural Science (reg. no SLU ua 40-1244/08). Each department to which the third-cycle subject area is linked can choose to specify requirements in addition to those in this study plan. These requirements are to be specified in an annex.

5. Annexes

There are no annexes.