

# Enterprise Resource Planning Systems: Process and Implementation

Programme course

6 credits

Affärssystem: process och implementering

TDEI13

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**Determined by**

Board of Studies for Industrial Engineering  
and Logistics

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## Main field of study

Industrial Engineering and Management

## Course level

Second cycle

## Advancement level

A1X

## Course offered for

- Industrial Engineering and Management - International, M Sc in Engineering
- Industrial Engineering and Management, M Sc in Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering, M Sc in Engineering
- Information Technology, M Sc in Engineering
- Computer Science and Software Engineering, M Sc in Engineering

## Entry requirements

Note: Admission requirements for non-programme students usually also include admission requirements for the programme and threshold requirements for progression within the programme, or corresponding.

## Prerequisites

Have basic insights in organisation and business administration.

## Intended learning outcomes

The aim of the course is to develop understanding of and present methods for purchasing, implementing and using Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, both from buying and selling points of view. The course also presents the fundamentals of ERP systems' architecture.

On completion of the course you should:

- understand the meaning of the concept ERP system

- be able to assess challenges and possibilities in selecting, implementing and using information systems
- be able to find and interpret academic articles with relevance for ERP use
- be able to orally and in writing present your own analyses and constructively contribute to and discuss others' analyses.

## Course content

Buying packaged software instead of bespoke systems has become increasingly common the past 15 years. ERP systems today handle a large proportion of the administrative data processing in contemporary organisations. Different types of ERP companies, different systems architectures and strategic market perspectives are presented in the course.

Part 1: Selection and evaluation of business systems. There is an abundance of ERP systems, offering a variety of information support solutions for organisations. The choice of ERP system can have far-reaching consequences for the organisation for many years to come.

Part 2: Implementation. An implementation can take anywhere between weeks and years. This part of the course aims to convey the complications arising in an organisation when changing ERP system. It also deals with challenges from a supplier perspective, for example the assessment of the customer's needs and capabilities.

Part 3: Use. An implemented system will continue to be used for many years. Building on the first two parts of the course, the discussion in part three deals with the mutual influence between the users, the ERP system and the activities which the use is intended to support. An important aspect of use is how ERP systems affect - and enable - change and development of the organisation's accounting and control systems, for example through easy access to non-monetary key indicators.

A number of teaching cases will be analysed and discussed.

## Teaching and working methods

The course starts with a number of lectures and seminars, and discussions of the projects carried out in small groups. A written test on the course literature takes place during the first half of the course. During the second half, the emphasis is on case discussions - based on both case studies performed by others and on the projects the participants are carrying out. The course builds on the active participation of the students. Swedish business systems enterprises and purchasing companies participate in the course.

## Examination

PRA1	Project	U, 3, 4, 5	3 credits
UPG1	Written examination	U, 3, 4, 5	2 credits
UPG2	Participation	U, G	1 credits

Literature test. Projects conducted in small groups, and with themes chosen by the groups in consultation with the examiner, presented in writing and discussed at seminars. To pass the course, participants need to have actively participated in seminars, completed reflection reports concerning course literature and teaching cases, duly prepared have participated in discussions of course literature, teaching cases and the work performed by other work groups, and actively have contributed to a completed project that has been presented in writing and orally in line with the directions given during the course.

## Grades

Four-grade scale, LiU, U, 3, 4, 5

## Department

Institutionen för ekonomisk och industriell utveckling

## Director of Studies or equivalent

Johan Holtström

## Examiner

Alf Westelius

## Course website and other links

<http://www.iei.liu.se/indek/utbildning/ekonomiska-informationssystem/tdei13?l=sv>

## Education components

Preliminary scheduled hours: 46 h

Recommended self-study hours: 114 h

## Course literature

### Articles

Current academic articles and reports.



# Common rules

## Course syllabus

A syllabus has been established for each course. The syllabus specifies the aim and contents of the course, and the prior knowledge that a student must have in order to be able to benefit from the course.

## Timetabling

Courses are timetabled after a decision has been made for this course concerning its assignment to a timetable module. A central timetable is not drawn up for courses with fewer than five participants. Most project courses do not have a central timetable.

## Interrupting a course

The vice-chancellor's decision concerning regulations for registration, deregistration and reporting results (Dnr LiU-2015-01241) states that interruptions in study are to be recorded in Ladok. Thus, all students who do not participate in a course for which they have registered must record the interruption, such that the registration on the course can be removed. Deregistration from a course is carried out using a web-based form: [www.lith.liu.se/for-studenter/kurskomplettering?f=sv](http://www.lith.liu.se/for-studenter/kurskomplettering?f=sv).

## Cancelled courses

Courses with few participants (fewer than 10) may be cancelled or organised in a manner that differs from that stated in the course syllabus. The board of studies is to deliberate and decide whether a course is to be cancelled or changed from the course syllabus.

## Regulations relating to examinations and examiners

Details are given in a decision in the university's rule book:  
<http://styrdokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/VisaBeslut/622678>.

## Forms of examination

### Examination

Written and oral examinations are held at least three times a year: once immediately after the end of the course, once in August, and once (usually) in one of the re-examination periods. Examinations held at other times are to follow a decision of the board of studies.

Principles for examination scheduling for courses that follow the study periods:

- courses given in VT1 are examined for the first time in March, with re-examination in June and August
- courses given in VT2 are examined for the first time in May, with re-examination in August and October
- courses given in HT1 are examined for the first time in October, with re-examination in January and August
- courses given in HT2 are examined for the first time in January, with re-examination at Easter and in August.

The examination schedule is based on the structure of timetable modules, but there may be deviations from this, mainly in the case of courses that are studied and examined for several programmes and in lower grades (i.e. 1 and 2).

- Examinations for courses that the board of studies has decided are to be held in alternate years are held only three times during the year in which the course is given.
- Examinations for courses that are cancelled or rescheduled such that they are not given in one or several years are held three times during the year that immediately follows the course, with examination scheduling that corresponds to the scheduling that was in force before the course was cancelled or rescheduled.
- If teaching is no longer given for a course, three examination occurrences are held during the immediately subsequent year, while examinations are at the same time held for any replacement course that is given, or alternatively in association with other re-examination opportunities. Furthermore, an examination is held on one further occasion during the next subsequent year, unless the board of studies determines otherwise.
- If a course is given during several periods of the year (for programmes, or on

different occasions for different programmes) the board or boards of studies determine together the scheduling and frequency of re-examination occasions.

## Registration for examination

In order to take an examination, a student must register in advance at the Student Portal during the registration period, which opens 30 days before the date of the examination and closes 10 days before it. Candidates are informed of the location of the examination by email, four days in advance. Students who have not registered for an examination run the risk of being refused admittance to the examination, if space is not available.

Symbols used in the examination registration system:

\*\* denotes that the examination is being given for the penultimate time.

\* denotes that the examination is being given for the last time.

## Code of conduct for students during examinations

Details are given in a decision in the university's rule book:  
<http://styrdokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/VisaBeslut/622682>.

## Retakes for higher grade

Students at the Institute of Technology at LiU have the right to retake written examinations and computer-based examinations in an attempt to achieve a higher grade. This is valid for all examination components with code "TEN" and "DAT". The same right may not be exercised for other examination components, unless otherwise specified in the course syllabus.

## Retakes of other forms of examination

Regulations concerning retakes of other forms of examination than written examinations and computer-based examinations are given in the LiU regulations for examinations and examiners,  
<http://styrdokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/VisaBeslut/622678>.

## Plagiarism

For examinations that involve the writing of reports, in cases in which it can be assumed that the student has had access to other sources (such as during project work, writing essays, etc.), the material submitted must be prepared in accordance with principles for acceptable practice when referring to sources (references or quotations for which the source is specified) when the text, images, ideas, data, etc. of other people are used. It is also to be made clear whether the author has reused his or her own text, images, ideas, data, etc. from previous examinations.

A failure to specify such sources may be regarded as attempted deception during examination.

### **Attempts to cheat**

In the event of a suspected attempt by a student to cheat during an examination, or when study performance is to be assessed as specified in Chapter 10 of the Higher Education Ordinance, the examiner is to report this to the disciplinary board of the university. Possible consequences for the student are suspension from study and a formal warning. More information is available at <https://www.student.liu.se/studenttjanster/lagar-regler-rattigheter?l=sv>.

### **Grades**

The grades that are preferably to be used are Fail (U), Pass (3), Pass not without distinction (4) and Pass with distinction (5). Courses under the auspices of the faculty board of the Faculty of Science and Engineering (Institute of Technology) are to be given special attention in this regard.

1. Grades U, 3, 4, 5 are to be awarded for courses that have written examinations.
2. Grades Fail (U) and Pass (G) may be awarded for courses with a large degree of practical components such as laboratory work, project work and group work.

### **Examination components**

1. Grades U, 3, 4, 5 are to be awarded for written examinations (TEN).
2. Grades Fail (U) and Pass (G) are to be used for undergraduate projects and other independent work.
3. Examination components for which the grades Fail (U) and Pass (G) may be awarded are laboratory work (LAB), project work (PRA), preparatory

written examination (KTR), oral examination (MUN), computer-based examination (DAT), home assignment (HEM), and assignment (UPG).

4. Students receive grades either Fail (U) or Pass (G) for other examination components in which the examination criteria are satisfied principally through active attendance such as other examination (ANN), tutorial group (BAS) or examination item (MOM).

The examination results for a student are reported at the relevant department.

## **Regulations (apply to LiU in its entirety)**

The university is a government agency whose operations are regulated by legislation and ordinances, which include the Higher Education Act and the Higher Education Ordinance. In addition to legislation and ordinances, operations are subject to several policy documents. The Linköping University rule book collects currently valid decisions of a regulatory nature taken by the university board, the vice-chancellor and faculty/department boards.

LiU's rule book for education at first-cycle and second-cycle levels is available at [http://styrdokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/Innehall/Utbildning\\_pa\\_grund-\\_och\\_avancerad\\_niva](http://styrdokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/Innehall/Utbildning_pa_grund-_och_avancerad_niva).