

# Logistics Project

Programme course

12 credits

Logistikprojekt

TETS38

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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, Logistics

## Course level

Second cycle

## Advancement level

A1X

## Course offered for

- Master of Science in Industrial Engineering and Management
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- Master of Science in Industrial Engineering and Management - International

## Specific information

Not generically selectable for students in semester 7 and above, see Entry requirements.

## Entry requirements

This course concludes the master profile Logistics Management for the I/Ii and M programs, and it is required that the student has already passed the preparatory profile courses. Prior to the start of the course, the examiner/director of studies will verify that participating students have sufficient knowledge, see information under Prerequisites.

## Prerequisites

Basic logistics, and at least one of the following courses: Supply Chain Logistics or Logistics Analysis

## Intended learning outcomes

The aim of the course is to give knowledge and capabilities, and develop the students' approach to application of logistics. This is done by letting the students in project form

investigate real logistic problems, provided by different kinds of organizations. After having completed the course the student shall:

- Be well aware of investigation methodologies for logistics investigations, i.e. how to plan, conduct, and communicate such investigations in a structured and trustworthy manner.
- Be familiar with different methods for collection and analysis of information relevant for an investigation, as well as the pros and cons of these methods.
- Be able to choose and apply suitable investigation tools in a specific situation.
- Be able to identify, choose, and apply relevant theoretical areas for a specific logistical problem.
- In speech and writing be able to communicate plans, results etc. during the different phases of the investigation.
- Be able to critically review and evaluate his/her own work, as well as other students' work in a critical, nuanced, and constructive manner.

## Course content

- Research and investigation methodology, which for example includes: research design, literature review, methods for collection and analysis of data, research quality criterion, and research ethics.
- Systems thinking applied on logistics systems. Examples of aspects in focus are: choice of system borders, and the interplay between the studied system and its environment.
- Theoretical specialization within different parts of logistics depending on the direction of the specific project.
- Academic writing and presentation techniques.
- Opposition and critical review.

## Teaching and working methods

Basics in investigation methodology is provided via lectures and pre-recorded material. In the individual exercises, the student practice by discussing methodological terms, and by critically reviewing texts written by others.

The main part of the course is dedicated to projects, where the students in small groups plan, conduct, and report an investigation connected to a task provided by an external organization. The students manage their project, given an overall schedule with certain milestones. Each group has a supervisor, supporting and challenging throughout the project. Moreover, a few project groups are gathered in “base groups”, which meet in

seminars to discuss investigation method issues as well as the specific projects together with a supervisor. The students also oppose on each others' project reports for the purpose of practicing critical and constructive review of investigations and academic reports.

The course runs over the entire autumn semester.

## Examination

UPG1	Individual assignments	U, G	3 credits
PRA1	Group assignment	U, 3, 4, 5	9 credits

The course grade is based upon the grade of the project work, which will be judged by the main criterion trustworthiness ,and clarity.

## Grades

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

## Other information

### About teaching and examination language

The teaching language is presented in the Overview tab for each course. The examination language relates to the teaching language as follows:

- If teaching language is “Swedish”, the course as a whole could be given in Swedish, or partly in English. Examination language is Swedish, but parts of the examination can be in English.
- If teaching language is “English”, the course as a whole is taught in English. Examination language is English.
- If teaching language is “Swedish/English”, the course as a whole will be taught in English if students without prior knowledge of the Swedish language participate. Examination language is Swedish or English depending on teaching language.

### Other

The course is conducted in a manner where both men's and women's experience and knowledge are made visible and developed.

The planning and implementation of a course should correspond to the course syllabus. The course evaluation should therefore be conducted with the course syllabus as a starting point.

If special circumstances prevail, the vice-chancellor may in a special decision specify

the preconditions for temporary deviations from this course syllabus, and delegate the right to take such decisions.

## Department

Institutionen för ekonomisk och industriell utveckling

## Director of Studies or equivalent

Uni Sallnäs

## Examiner

Björn Oskarsson

## Education components

Preliminary scheduled hours: 50 h

Recommended self-study hours: 270 h

## Course literature

### Books

Björklund, Maria & Paulsson, Ulf, (2012) *Seminarieboken: att skriva, presentera och opponera 2*

ISBN: 9789144059853

Lund: Studentlitteratur, 2012Blomkvist, Per. & Hallin, Anette, (2015) *Metod för teknologer – Examensarbete enligt 4-fasmodellen*

ISBN: 9789144095141

Lund: Studentlitteratur, 2015Patel, Runa & Davidson, Bo, (2019)

*Forskningsmetodikens grunder : att planera, genomföra och rapportera en undersökning*  
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ISBN: 9789144068688

Lund: Studentlitteratur, 2011

### Other

# Common rules

## Course syllabus

A syllabus must be 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.

## Interruption in and deregistration from a course

The LiU decision, Guidelines concerning confirmation of participation in education (Dnr LiU-2020-02256), 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 or interrupting a course is carried out using a web-based form: <https://www.lith.liu.se/for-studenter/kurskomplettering?f=en>.

## Cancelled courses and changes to the course syllabus

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 Dean is to deliberate and decide whether a course is to be cancelled or changed from the course syllabus.

## Guidelines relating to examinations and examiners

For details, see Guidelines for education and examination for first-cycle and second-cycle education at Linköping University, Dnr LiU-2020-04501 (<http://styrdokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/VisaBeslut/917592>).

An examiner must be employed as a teacher at LiU according to the LiU Regulations for Appointments, Dnr LiU-2021-01204 (<https://styrdokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/VisaBeslut/622784>). For courses in second-cycle, the following teachers can be appointed as examiner: Professor (including Adjunct and Visiting Professor), Associate Professor (including Adjunct), Senior Lecturer (including Adjunct and Visiting Senior Lecturer), Research Fellow, or Postdoc. For courses in first-cycle, Assistant Lecturer (including Adjunct and Visiting Assistant Lecturer) can also be appointed as examiner in addition to those listed for second-cycle courses. In exceptional cases, a Part-time Lecturer can also be appointed as an examiner at both first- and second cycle, see Delegation of authority for the Board of Faculty of Science and Engineering.

## Forms of examination

### Principles for examination

Written and oral examinations and digital and computer-based 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 in March 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 three times during the school year in which the course is given according to the principles stated above.

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.

When a course is given for the last time, the regular examination and two re-examinations will be offered. Thereafter, examinations are phased out by offering three examinations during the following academic year at the same times as the examinations in any substitute course. If there is no substitute course, three examinations will be offered during re-examination periods during the following academic year. Other examination times are decided by the board of studies. In all cases above, the examination is also offered one more time during the academic year after the following, unless the board of studies decides otherwise. In total, 6 re-examinations are offered, of which 2 are regular re-examinations. In the examination registration system, the examinations given for the penultimate time and the last time are denoted.

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.

## **Retakes of other forms of examination**

Regulations concerning retakes of other forms of examination than written examinations and digital and computer-based examinations are given in the LiU guidelines for examinations and examiners,

<http://stydokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/VisaBeslut/917592>.

## **Registration for examination**

In order to take an written, digital or computer-based examination, registration in advance is mandatory, see decision in the university's rule book <https://stydokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/VisaBeslut/622682>. An unregistered student can thus not be offered a place. The registration is done at the Student Portal or in the LiU-app during the registration period. The registration period opens 30 days before the date of the examination and closes 10 days before the date of the examination. Candidates are informed of the location of the examination by email, four days in advance.



## 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 digital and computer-based examinations in an attempt to achieve a higher grade. This is valid for all examination components with code "TEN", "DIT" and "DAT". The same right may not be exercised for other examination components, unless otherwise specified in the course syllabus.

A retake is not possible on courses that are included in an issued degree diploma.

## Grades

The grades that are preferably to be used are Fail (U), Pass (3), Pass not without distinction (4) and Pass with distinction (5).

- Grades U, 3, 4, 5 are to be awarded for courses that have written or digital examinations.
- 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.
- Grades Fail (U) and Pass (G) are to be used for degree projects and other independent work.

## Examination components

The following examination components and associated module codes are used at the Faculty of Science and Engineering:

- Grades U, 3, 4, 5 are to be awarded for written examinations (TEN) and digital examinations (DIT).
- 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), digital preparatory written examination (DIK), oral examination (MUN), computer-based examination (DAT), home assignment (HEM), and assignment (UPG).

- 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 tutorial group (BAS) or examination item (MOM).
- Grades Fail (U) and Pass (G) are to be used for the examination components Opposition (OPPO) and Attendance at thesis presentation (AUSK) (i.e. part of the degree project).

In general, the following applies:

- Mandatory course components must be scored and given a module code.
- Examination components that are not scored, cannot be mandatory. Hence, it is voluntary to participate in these examinations, and the voluntariness must be clearly stated. Additionally, if there are any associated conditions to the examination component, these must be clearly stated as well.
- For courses with more than one examination component with grades U,3,4,5, it shall be clearly stated how the final grade is weighted.

For mandatory components, the following applies (in accordance with the LiU Guidelines for education and examination for first-cycle and second-cycle education at Linköping University, <http://styrdokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/VisaBeslut/917592>):

- If special circumstances prevail, and if it is possible with consideration of the nature of the compulsory component, the examiner may decide to replace the compulsory component with another equivalent component.

For possibilities to alternative forms of examinations, the following applies (in accordance with the LiU Guidelines for education and examination for first-cycle and second-cycle education at Linköping University, <http://styrdokument.liu.se/Regelsamling/VisaBeslut/917592>):

- If the LiU coordinator for students with disabilities has granted a student the right to an adapted examination for a written examination in an examination hall, the student has the right to it.
- If the coordinator has recommended for the student an adapted examination or alternative form of examination, the examiner may grant this if the examiner assesses that it is possible, based on consideration of the course objectives.
- An examiner may also decide that an adapted examination or alternative form of examination if the examiner assessed that special circumstances prevail, and the examiner assesses that it is possible while maintaining the objectives of the course.

## Reporting of examination results

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

## 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, such as degree projects, project reports, etc. (this is sometimes known as “self-plagiarism”).

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?f=en>.

## 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).

