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Welcome to Introduction to Sustainable Development - Autumn 2020

Welcome to Introduction to Sustainable Development (1MV550) at the Centre for Environment and Development Studies (CEMUS)! CEMUS is a student-initiated, transdisciplinary centre at Uppsala University and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences with the explicit ambition to contribute to a more just and sustainable world.

Below is some practical information about the course; please read through it and contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you next semester!

Hanna Wernerson & Derek Garfield

Course Coordinators

Registration Information

If you have applied through www.antagning.se or www.universityadmissions.se, registrations will take place on Studentportalen, opening on July 30th and closing on August 30th. Please contact jenny.thor@geo.uu.se if you have any questions about how to register. Information about registration can be found using this [link](#).

If you will not accept your place on the course, please email the Course Coordinators at derek.garfield@cemus.uu.se & hanna.wernerson@cemus.uu.se ahead of time so that they can offer places to reserve students.

Course Learning Outcomes

This course is meant to introduce you the concept of Sustainable Development and to the master's program. The goal is to equip you with methodological, conceptual, personal, and interpersonal skills necessary to critically and constructively engage with the quest of sustainability transformation.

As stated in the syllabus, upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- critically relate to disciplinary and interdisciplinary traditions and work methods;



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- critically relate to and analyse the history and development of the concept of Sustainable development;
- problematise complexity and sustainable development through a critical analysis of different actors' norms and perspectives

Course Overview

This course is being conducted in a hybrid in-person/online format due to the ongoing pandemic.

While we hope that all students will have the opportunity to safely attend in person this fall, we know that this may not be possible for various reasons. Therefore, all of the content will be made available online in order to ensure that students who are unable to attend in-person have access to the same material. All graded assignments/seminars will be conducted in an online format.

The course is worth 5 credits and runs for three weeks from Monday 31st August until Friday 18th September. There is a **DRAFT** schedule for the course attached. A final schedule will be provided on Studium one week before the start of the course on Studium, the online education management system used by Uppsala University, and the course website (<http://www.cemus.uu.se/msd/>).

The Autumn semester 2020 begins on Monday 31st August with an introduction session for the program at 1:00- 3:00 PM, followed by an introduction to the course from 3:15 – 5:00 PM. in Hambergsalen, Geocentrum. Maps for the building location and room are found [here](#) under “Geo Center.”

Online attendance to sessions will be through the virtual meeting platform Zoom and/or Studium. You can find the Zoom links in Studium under the course calendar.

The teaching consists of lectures, given by guest lecturers from different academic disciplines and other relevant societal sectors, and seminars run by the course coordinators. The teaching method is based on active student participation and peer-to-peer learning.

Course Examination

As stated in the syllabus:

The student is examined through written preparation for (1 credit) and active participation in seminars and workshops (1 credit), and through written documentation (2.5 credits) and oral presentation (0.5 credits) of a project.

If there are special reasons for doing so, an examiner may make an exception from the method of assessment indicated and allow a student to be assessed by another method. An example of special



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reasons might be a certificate regarding special pedagogical support from the University's disability coordinator.

The course is examined through the following mandatory assignments:

- Written Documentation of individual project due **Friday 18th September 2020, 23:59**
- Student Presentations of individual project on **Friday 18th September 2020**
- Peer-to-peer Learning Seminar conducted during **Friday 4th September 2020**
- Equal Opportunities Seminar Conducted on **Friday 11th September 2020**
- Literature Seminar conducted during **Friday 11th September 2020**

Please review attached **Examination Overview** for further details.

Course Literature

The course has the following course books, which are required reading:

- **Edwards, A.R. (2005), The sustainability revolution: portrait of a paradigm shift, New Society Publishers, Gabriola, BC.**
- **Franklin, A. & Blyton, P. (2011), Researching sustainability: a guide to social science methods, practice, and engagement, Earthscan, Washington, DC.**

The course books are available in an online format through Uppsala University Library.

The course coordinators will make available a course compendium one week before the course starts that will consist of 3-4 texts, videos, audio files and/or other learning material per week, available through Studium, that are related to the course learning outcomes. You will be expected to read more than these required articles in preparation for participating in seminars/workshops and your written project work. Additional recommended articles from guest lecturers may be uploaded to Studium during the course. Make sure to come prepared for all lectures, workshops, and seminars.

Please be sure to review the other attached documents for additional information.

Course Coordinator Team

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