

Assessment criteria: UV9010, Fall 2021

Description of course

The aim of the course is to highlight various ethical issues related to research in general as well as ethical issues students face in their PhD project. The focus is on research ethics through the research process; from the project planning to the thesis.

General requirements

3 credit points for course participation (80% attendance in lectures and group work is required) and an approved essay discussing ethical issue(s) in own PhD project.

From January 2021 ECTS credits are not given based on attendance only for PhD courses at the Faculty of Educational Sciences.

Criteria for the exam essay

Formal requirements:

- The student can write alone (7-8 pages) or together with another course participant (10-11 pages).
- Line spacing 1.5, font size 12, font type Times New Roman or similar.
- The essay can be written in English or Norwegian.

Evaluation criteria:

- The essay must discuss one or more ethical issue(s) relevant to the student's PhD project.
- The selected ethical issue(s) must be clearly defined and explained.
- The essay must identify ethical guidelines and procedures relevant for the selected ethical issue(s).
- The essay must refer to methodological and theoretical literature where relevant.
- Strong essays will critically reflect upon the theory and philosophy of ethics.
- Strong essays will show a clear connection between theory of ethics and ethical conduct in research in the discussion of the selected ethical issue(s).

Grades are awarded on a pass/fail scale.

The essay may be rated "fail" if it *either* lack a clear empirical example, do not draw upon course literature, *or* do not satisfy formal requirements for citation, bibliography, and/or length.