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SYLLABUS

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## **SGR015F Research Ethics, 3 credits, third cycle**

The course was adopted by the Board of the Lund University Faculty of Social Sciences 11 June 2020, and the syllabus was approved by the Research Studies Council 27 May 2020.

The syllabus is valid from the autumn semester 2020.

### **A. General information**

The course is a mandatory third cycle course offered jointly by the Faculty of Social Sciences, the School of Economics and Management, and the Faculty of Law.

The course corresponds to two weeks of full-time study (approximately 80 hours).

The language of instruction is Swedish or English.

### **B. Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, the student shall be able to

- identify ethical issues in the social sciences, including the research conducted by the doctoral students as part of their studies
- independently and knowledgeably analyse ethical issues in the social sciences including the research conducted by the doctoral students as part of their studies
- apply laws, regulations and guidelines governing research involving humans and personal data, to various kinds of research within the social sciences research, including the

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- apply laws, regulations and guidelines concerning research misconduct and good research practice to various kinds of research within the social sciences, including the research conducted by the doctoral students as part of their studies

### C. Course content

Basic normative ethics, the history of research ethics, the balance between the utility and importance of research in relation to the ethical problems that research can cause, risks and burdens for research participants and other affected parties, protection of privacy and personal data, informed consent and kinds of research where informed consent may be difficult to obtain, ethics review, good research practice, research misconduct, publication ethics, open science and the FAIR-principles, conflicts of interest, the researcher as an authority and ethical aspects of external engagement, relevant legislation, issues arising from doing research at a Swedish authority.

### D. Course design

The course consists of lectures, discussion exercises, group work and independent study of the required reading. The participants will actively analyse research from the point of view of ethics. Attendance at all teaching components is compulsory.

### E. Assessment

The assessment is based on active participation in discussion exercises, reporting of group work and an individual written assignment on ethical aspects of the research conducted by the doctoral student as part of his or her studies.

## **F. Grades**

The grades awarded are Pass or Fail. To be awarded a grade of Pass, students must have attained the learning outcomes stated for the course. At the start of the course, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied on the course.

## **G. Entry requirements and selection**

The course is primarily intended for students admitted to research studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, the School of Economics and Management, and the faculty of Law. Other students can be admitted subject to a decision by the course director.