



Education Concil

Ethical Principles in the Conducting of an Independent Project at First and Second-Cycle courses

As a student at Lund University's Faculty of Social Sciences, the following applies:

- Always tell the truth about your project.
- All studies are to be open, you are not permitted to conduct fieldwork under an assumed name or under false pretences.
- Report openly on methods and results.
- Do not present others' material and results as your own, and be fair in your assessment of others' research.
- Strive to do all you can to avoid harming people, animals or the environment.
- Inform participants about the purpose of your work – deviating from this requires special grounds, such as experimental studies.
- In written work, the participants are to be pseudonymised – deviating from this requires special grounds.
- You should take all necessary measures to avoid potential ethical dilemmas that you could encounter during the project process, e.g. in the collection of data, processing of data, and the potential consequences this could have for people who you study or collaborate with.
- Research that includes people in particularly vulnerable positions, such as children, requires special consideration.

- Remember that some studies/questions may be sensitive in certain political, religious and cultural contexts.
- Do not offer payments to participants.

For more information on research ethics, read the Swedish Research Council's 'Good Research Practice', which is available via their website vr.se.