Action plan for the development of third cycle studies
2019 – 2020

The present action plan was drawn up by the research studies council (FU-rådet) at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The council is tasked with monitoring and promoting research studies at the faculty. During 2019 – 2020, the council will work on developing the faculty-wide quality assurance system and implementing it, as well as continuing to work with quality-enhancing measures.

Quality
Ensuring high quality and continuing to develop the quality of research studies.

- A faculty-wide method for working with quality assurance and quality enhancement, adapted to Lund University’s quality policy and regulations, is to be implemented by December 2019 at the latest. The system is to be quality-enhancing and based on existing quality assurance work.
  Responsibility of: Faculty management, research studies council

- Further training of supervisors, possibly together with the School of Economics and Management. Completed by autumn 2019.
  Responsibility of: Research studies council

- Monitoring that research studies issues are taken into account in RQ20 (Lund University’s quality evaluation of research).
  Responsibility of: Research studies council

- Finding forms and developing procedures for exchange of experiences and disseminating best practice examples between the departments. Completed no later than December 2019.
  Responsibility of: Research studies council

- Drawing up guidelines and procedures for course evaluations and course evaluation reports for faculty-wide third cycle courses. Completed by December 2019.
  Responsibility of: Research studies council
Range and content of courses
Offering doctoral students a greater range of courses.

- Developing courses within the university-wide graduate school, focusing on societal challenges and Agenda 2030. Completed by June 2019.
  Responsibility of: Research studies council

- Developing the collaboration with the graduate school primarily regarding methodology courses. A greater common range of methodology courses, completed by autumn 2020.
  Responsibility of: Research studies council

Communication and administration

- Clarifying the faculty-wide information for admitted doctoral students on the faculty website. This is included in a larger project to restructure the whole staff website at the faculty. Completed by autumn 2019.
  Responsibility of: faculty communication officers

- Evaluation of the system for individual study plans. Completed by spring 2020.
  Responsibility of: Research studies council