# LI109N Web Based Course in Information Searching 3.0 credits

## Webbaserad kurs i informationssökning

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

## Establishment

Course syllabus for LI109N valid from Spring 2009

## Grading scale

P, F

## Education cycle

First cycle

## Main field of study

Technology

## Specific prerequisites

Students should satisfy the basic university entrance requirements, i.e. completed studies at high school, including pass marks in Swedish and English.

## Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

## Intended learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student shall be able to:
• critically analyse and formulate his or her information needs, and
• select - from several alternatives - effective ways of satisfying those needs.

## Course contents

More specifically, on completion of the course, the student shall be able to:
• use several important databases and both electronic and print sources of information - with different user interfaces
• navigate through computer-based catalogues in public libraries, and utilise several of the library's resources
• when necessary, obtain documents through sources other than the library
• understand the need to critically assess the source, content and reliability of information which is retrieved.

## Disposition

This is a part-time course given at quarter speed, in Swedish and by distance in Bilda (KTH's system for e-learning). The course includes tests and homework.

## Course literature

Course literature is listed in the description of the course available in Bilda and on the Internet, and includes:
• "Informationssökningens när? var? hur?", KTHB's introduction to information searching.

## Equipment

Access to a computer with an Internet connection and web browser is an absolute requirement. Students should obtain a library card from the KTH Library before starting the course.

## Examination

- KON1 - Written Test, 1.5 credits, grading scale: P, F
- INL1 - Assignment, 1.5 credits, grading scale: P, F
- LAB1 - Laboratory Work, 0.0 credits, grading scale: P, F

Based on recommendation from KTH's coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years.

## Other requirements for final grade

A pass mark requires satisfactory results in
1. Intermediary examination,
2. Final examination, and
3. Presentation of searches carried out by a group of students.

## Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.