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Individual courses in Literature Project

Supervisor Instructions

This information applies to supervisors with students enrolled in either of the following courses

- 1BG369/370 Biology 5 hp och 10 hp
- 1BG356 Applied Biotechnology 5 hp
- 1MB782/783 Bioinformatics 5 hp och 10 hp
- 1MB785/786 Engineering in Molecular Biotechnology 5 hp och 10 hp

For more information on course plan and the general information as well as documents please visit the Biology Education Centre (IBG) web page

<http://ibg.uu.se/education/courses-programmes/individual-courses/>

Important information

- Note that application and registration for the course by the coordinator is required before the student may start the course.
- As a supervisor, you are expected to assist the student in limiting the scope of the field to review, and to assist in choosing relevant and important sources (see below) in that field. The student may also need some guidance through the writing process. As supervisor, you are responsible for the approval of the scientific content of the written report while the coordinator will examine the structure and formats of the report.

Sources

- Different sources are allowed but scientific articles should form the backbone of the reference material. The student may cite books, information on the web (Note! Be particularly careful with the source critique in that case!) or popular science (e.g. Scientific American).
- Interviews with researchers are allowed but must include an explicit consent from the scientist in question.
- The report will be analysed by the service Urkund. Read more about Urkund here: www.orkund.com/. Concisely put, the document is analysed against a large full-text database to check for the possible use of previously published text (plagiarism).

The written report

- The report should be written as a short chapter of a textbook or a review article ("mini review") in accordance with standard in the field. The size should be some 4-8 (5 hp)/6-12 (10 hp) A4 pages of running text; Times 12 pt single spacing (title page, table of contents and reference list not counted). The title of the report will appear on the student's study transcripts so ensure that it is appropriate and adequate.
- The student should read and follow the instructions found in the IBG booklets "Presenting science" and "How to use scientific sources..." available for download here:
http://ibg.uu.se/digitalAssets/331/c_331418-l_3-k_att-presentera-vetenskap-en.pdf
http://ibg.uu.se/digitalAssets/331/c_331420-l_1-k_ibg-antiplagiat-en.pdf
- The report can be written in English (or Swedish).
- Layout: Students should use a separate title page (use the template on the course webpage) for the report. Possible pagination: centre or alternate left / right; include title page (page 1) when counting the pages but do not display the page number on the title page.
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Certificate and opinions

- After you and the student agree on the report being complete, please send it to the coordinator as an email attachment (as pdf or Word) together with a filled out and signed supervisor certificate (available on the website above, scan copy is acceptable).
- The coordinator may have additional comments that will require revision of the report before it can be approved.

Thank You!

- The Literature project is an appreciated and valuable course for our students. It is an excellent chance for them to meet contemporary research and train their writing skills.
- We thank you for the supervision of one of our students and for the valuable time and effort you put into this.