

Corporate governance for sustainable business 7.5 cr

Företagsstyrning för hållbart företagande 7,5 hp

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Level A1N

Education level Second cycle

Course identifier FEA003

Credits 7.5 cr

Main field of study Business Administration

Subject group Business Administration

Disciplinary domain Social sciences 100.0 %

Learning outcomes

After this course the student should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the purpose and the limits of sustainable corporate governance.
- evaluate the primary roles of various groups tasked with responsibilities for corporate governance (e.g. boards of directors, internal committees).
- describe and discuss different research topics and research methods within the field. Competence and skills:
- compare and contrast regulatory systems guiding approaches to corporate governance emphasizing the advantages and disadvantages of each system from various theoretical perspectives
- compare the responsibilities of companies to different stakeholder groups and explain the role of stakeholders in corporate governance.

Judgement and approach:

- evaluate corporate governance practices and regulatory schemes from an ethical perspective.
- demonstrate the ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate questions addressing corporate governance practices and to plan and use appropriate methods

to carry out advanced tasks.

- show insight into the possibilities and limitations of corporate governance research, its role in society and the human responsibility for its use.

Course content

Corporate governance is concerned with the management of interactions between dispersed investors and the reconciliation of possible conflicts of interest between various corporate stakeholders. The literature on corporate governance discusses, among other things, the role and responsibility of owners, the role and responsibility of boards, executive compensation, internal control, disclosure of governance arrangements as well as historical explanations about different corporate governance systems. Many countries also have corporate governance codes that public companies can or have to follow. During the course students are evaluating theoretical perspectives influencing regulatory practices as well as recent trends related to corporate governance.

Teaching

This course consists of lectures, seminars, practical exercises and tutoring. The course is given and examined in English.

Prerequisites

- A completed Bachelor's degree, corresponding to a Swedish Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS), or equivalent academic qualifications from an internationally recognised university .
- Business Administration as Major (90 ECTS) or equivalent.
- At least 30 ECTS credits in financial accounting and at least 30 ECTS management accounting and control
- English language proficiency equivalent to (the Swedish upper secondary school) English 6/English Course B

Examination

Exams, written assignments, presentations and seminars.

Grade A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F

Sustainable environment

The majority of the course content deals with sustainable development..

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