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*Institutionen för kommunikation och medier*

## **Timetable for Thesis MKVN13 (30 credits)**

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### Introduction Meeting 1

(Everyone welcome. Mandatory for students studying abroad/internships autumn 2015)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Group meeting 10-12 A121, drop in session 1-4 A212.

In this meeting we will discuss the first step in planning your thesis topic, preparation for the thesis proposal and ideas for a successful thesis in media and communication studies.

### Introduction Meeting 2

(Everyone welcome. Mandatory for students, except those on study abroad/internships)

Thursday 3 September 2015. Group meeting 10-12 A121, drop in session 1-4 A212.

In this second meeting we will discuss the next steps in preparation for the thesis proposal and consider in more depth ideas for a successful thesis in media and communication studies.

### Writing your postgraduate thesis outline

August to November 2015

This part of the course involves self directed study where you research and write your thesis outline. See two documents by Annette Hill and Peter Dahlgren to help you write your outline.

### Submission of your thesis outline

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015.

Submission to Annette Hill via email by 5pm. This is a fixed deadline and extensions will be granted only in exceptional cases.

### Allocation of your supervisor

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015

You will receive information about your thesis supervisor from the course leader. Once you are allocated a supervisor, you can send an introduction email to them requesting a meeting in January 2016.

### Supervision

January to May 2016

In our department we place a premium on individual supervision in person where we offer you advice and constructive criticism on your thesis research. A common approach to supervision is to discuss ideas and research parameters for your thesis in the early meetings, followed by more detailed supervision related to empirical research and written material.

You can expect a minimum of five individual meetings with your supervisor, in addition to any group meetings or further support your supervisor may arrange with you. You can also

expect your supervisor to offer email support during office hours Monday to Friday in term time, where they will answer questions and offer advice on your progress. In terms of editorial guidance, you and your supervisor may arrange editorial feedback for drafts of your writing, subject to an agreed timeframe between you and your supervisor. In return, your supervisor expects you to listen and follow advice, work in a timely and responsible manner, and produce independent research of a standard expected for a postgraduate thesis. Your supervisor offers advice on the quality of your thesis, however, you are ultimately responsible for the thesis and the submission of your research for examination.

### Thesis Seminars

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016

This is where you meet with the course leader in small groups and we discuss the thesis outline and progress so far. These seminars will be organised in working groups on related topics and provide an opportunity for fine tuning your research ideas and practice.

### Submission

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Please see separate documents for information on guidelines for submission, thesis format, and so forth.

### Examination

30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016

Your thesis will be examined by one member of staff, who will provide written and oral feedback, following the criteria for examination in the thesis course outline and using the A-F grading system.

You will defend your thesis in a seminar, with your examiner and a student opponent. The seminar is mandatory and part of the learning experience for a postgraduate thesis in the Faculty of Social Sciences. You will receive a pass/fail grade for your participation in the seminar.

You will be given a guide on how to prepare for your seminar and the kinds of topics and questions that will be covered in the examination relating to your aims and objectives, research questions, literature review, methods, and analysis. The seminar is open to other postgraduate students and staff to attend and there will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions towards the end of the discussion. Upon completion of the seminar you will receive written feedback and your grade from the examiner.

As a student opponent, you will be given a guide as to how to prepare for the seminar, including your written comments on the student's thesis topic and questions that will be covered in the examination relating to the thesis aims and objectives, research questions, literature review, methods, and analysis. Upon completion of the seminar, you will receive a pass/fail grade as a student opponent.