Course Summary for "GISM01 – Master Thesis Project, iGEON" through ht 2020

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Teachers in the course: Teachers who had students start their thesis work in 2020 included Hakim Abdi, Anders Ahlström, Lina Eklund, Abdulghani Hasan, Finn Hedefalk, Veiko Lehsten, Mitch Selander, and David Tenenbaum. Teachers who had students finish their thesis work in 2020 included Jonas Ardö, Martin Berggren, Helena Eriksson, Harry Lankriejer, Ali Mansourian, Ulrik Mårtensson, Andreas Person, Mitch Selander, and David Tenenbaum.

Number of students: 11 students started the thesis course during 2020, while 15 completed their thesis work in 2020

Grade distribution: 8 students received a grade of G, 7 students received a grade of VG

Evaluation

Summary of the course evaluation

Number of survey responses: 89 for ht15 through ht20

Short summary of the evaluation responses: In general the students were very satisfied with the course. The students felt overwhelmingly that the outcomes of the course had been achieved (4.6/5), that their overall feeling about their thesis project was good (3.8/5), that they received all needed practical information before, during and at the end of the course (4.3/5), that the information in the compendium was sufficient and clear (4.4/5), that it was reasonably easy to find a subject for their thesis project (3.6/5), that they received sufficient supervision

(4.3/5), that their supervisor motivated them (4.2/5) and gave sufficient and adequate feedback (4.3/5), that the research environment in which they did their project was good and supportive (3.9/5), that the course did improve their view on scientific research and gave them confidence in doing future independent research projects (4.6/5), that the course improved their ability to write reports (4.5/5), that the course improved their ability to summarize your finding and present them for an audience (4.3/5), that the examination seminar was useful and rewarding (4.4/5), and that the grading the examiners are giving is a well based evaluation (4.4/5).

The survey also included a few questions about the programme in general, and yielded the following results: Students felt that the advance level master courses they read prepared them well for the thesis project (4.3/5), that the courses they read in your GIS master programme were in general of good quality and good level (4.3/5), that the GIS master programme fulfilled their expectations (4.4/5), that they acquired enough subject knowledge during their education (3.8/5), that they acquired enough training in general skills (such as writing science, writing popular science, oral presentations, statistics, computer skills) during their education (4.0/5), and that the general information before and during their GIS master programme was sufficient (4.2/5).

Comments from the teaching team

Not much was reported that distinguished the two semesters in 2020 from previous iterations of the course.

Evaluation of changes implemented since the last time the course was given Not much has changed structural in GISM01 for some time. The compendium continues to be revised in small ways, but in general this course has functioned in the same fashion for several years.

Suggestions for changes to implement before the course is given the next time A move to the Canvas platform from AC is upcoming, and I am concerned this will not do as good a job as AC did for this particular course.

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