Course Summary for GISM01 – Master Thesis Project, iGEON through HT 2021

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Teachers in the course: Teachers who had students start their thesis work with them in 2021 included Anders Ahlström, Lina Eklund, Helena Eriksson, Karin Hall, Abdulghani Hasan, Ali Mansourian, Ulrik Mårtensson, Per-Ola Olsson, Marko Scholze, Jonathan Seaquist, Mitch Selander, Torbern Tagesson, and David Tenenbaum. Teachers who had students finish their thesis work with them in 2021 included Hakim Abdi, Cecilia Akselsson, Lina Eklund, Abdulghani Hasan, Ali Mansourian, Ulrik Mårtensson, Andreas Persson, Jonathan Seaquist, Vaughan, Phillips.

Number of students: 18 students started the thesis course in 2021, while 12 completed their thesis work in 2021

Grade distribution: 6 students received a grade of G, and 6 students received a grade of VG in 2021.

Evaluation

Summary of the course evaluation

Number of survey responses: 102 for HT15 through HT21

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 (3.9/5), 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 (4.3/5).

Comments from the teaching team
Nothing was reported by supervisors that distinguished the two semesters of 2021 from previous iterations of this course.

Evaluation of changes implemented since the last time the course was given

Not much has changed structurally in GISM01 for some time. The compendium is subject to continuing revision as needed, but in general the course has functioned the same way for several years.

Suggestions for changes to implement before the course is given the next time

The intention is to move the course to Canvas for HT22. Once that is done, we will switch to survey and summary reporting in each semester.

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