

BE918

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BE918 - Sustainability Challenges: Business in Society, Fall 2025

Literature

The course addresses environmental and social sustainability in business practice and theory.

Examination

Setting out from the wider context of business operations, it identifies the expectations and challenges that entrepreneurs and firms meet as they interact with suppliers, customers, and other stakeholders. It brings up issues of principle and practical considerations alike, focusing on business in society, practicing sustainability, and finally strategies and governance for sustainability, including issues of sustainability accounting and finance.

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Participants

The course is organized in a series of lectures, small group seminars and a project assignment.

Intended learning outcomes

ILO 1: be able to master and explain core concepts in business sustainability

ILO 2: be able to identify critical inter-dependencies in sustainable development

ILO 3: be able to critically assess the main sustainability approaches and frameworks

ILO 4: be able to apply central theories, concepts, and models to a corporate sustainability challenge

Course director

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ECTS credits

7.50

Start semester

Fall 2025, first period

Information

CIVICA Course (BSc programs)
Elective Course (BSc BE)

Department

Department of Marketing and Strategy

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Textbook

Borglund, Tommy and Susanne Sweet (eds) (2025): *CSR and Sustainable Business*. 3rd edition, Sanoma, Stockholm.

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(alternatively, the Swedish version:

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Borglund, Tommy and Susanne Sweet (eds) (2025): *CSR och hållbart företagande*. 4:e uppl., Sanoma, Stockholm.)

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Articles

Around 15 articles that are listed for the course in Canvas.

Resources

Sustainable Development Goals: <https://www.undp.org/sustainable-development-goals>

International Labour Organization, ILO: <https://www.ilo.org/global/lang--en/index.htm>

UN Climate Action (incl. the Paris Agreement): <https://www.un.org/en/climatechange>

IPCC Sixth Assessment Report: <https://www.ipcc.ch/ar6-syr/>

Universal Declaration of Human Rights: <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/big-issues/un-guiding-principles-on-business-human-rights/>

Transparency International: <https://www.transparency.org/en/about>

Living Planet Report: <https://livingplanet.panda.org/en-GB/>

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The course will be examined in three different ways, as follows.

1. Individual tasks relating to discussions in Seminars 1 and 2 primarily attending to ILOs 1–3. Individual examination, equal to 60% of the grade. Covers literature relevant to Lectures 1–7 plus any additional assigned readings for Seminar 1 and 2. **OBSERVE: ONLY 2 HOURS/STUDENT/SEMINAR NECESSARY.**
2. A group project with a Poster Presentation (preparation, presentation). Predominantly group assessment – e.g. for the project in groups of 3–4 students – covering ILO 2–4, equal to 40% of the grade.
3. A group assignment debating corporate sustainability and responsibility. Predominantly group assessment covering ILO 3–4. A mandatory assignment assessed Pass or Fail. Pass is necessary for approved course.

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Participants

September 1, 2025

10:15-12:00 | Room: A320

Lecture

September 3, 2025

10:15-12:00 | Room: A320

Lecture

September 5, 2025

10:15-12:00 | Room: A320

Lecture

September 8, 2025

13:15-15:00 | Room: A342

Lecture

September 11, 2025

08:15-10:00 | Room:

Sem 1

Seminar

10:15-12:00 | Room:

Sem 2

Seminar

13:15-15:00 | Room:

Sem 3

Seminar

15:15-17:00 | Room:

Sem 4

Seminar

September 12, 2025

08:15-10:00 | Room:

Sem 5

Seminar

10:15-12:00 | Room:

Sem 6

Seminar

13:15-15:00 | Room:

Sem 7

Seminar

15:15-17:00 | Room:

Sem 8

Seminar

September 15, 2025

10:15-12:00 | Room: A320

Lecture

September 16, 2025

10:15-12:00 | Room: T-room

Lecture

September 19, 2025

10:15-12:00 | Room: A350

Lecture

September 25, 2025

08:15-10:00 | Room: Sem 1

Seminar

10:15-12:00 | Room: Sem 2

Seminar

13:15-15:00 | Room: Sem 3

Seminar

15:15-17:00 | Room: Sem 4

Seminar

September 26, 2025

08:15-10:00 | Room: Sem 5

Seminar

10:15-12:00 | Room: Sem 6

Seminar

13:15-15:00 | Room: Sem 7

Seminar

15:15-17:00 | Room: Sem 8

Seminar

September 29, 2025

10:15-12:00 | Room: A320

Lecture

October 1, 2025

10:15-12:00 | Room: A320

Lecture

October 3, 2025

10:15-12:00 | Room: A342

Lecture

October 7, 2025

10:15-12:00 | Room: A336

Seminar

13:15-15:00 | Room: A336

Seminar

October 14, 2025

08:15-12:00 | Room: A336

Presentations

October 15, 2025

08:15-12:00 | Room: A336

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