

Basic course 1: Dimension course in Science and Philosophy

About the course

subject	Bachelor in Global Humanities
Activity type	Basic course
Teaching language	English
Registration	<p>Students on their 1st semester will be registered automatically.</p> <p><i>If you are taking the course again and are not on your 1st semester, please contact hib-exams@ruc.dk.</i></p>
Detailed description of content	<p>As a RUC student – and as a Global Humanities student – half of your time will be spent on project-based learning. As a member of a project group you will examine problems from the perspective of the four RUC humanities dimensions. Each of these dimensions contributes something different, and a useful way of thinking about the contribution made by the Science and Philosophy dimension is that it offers tools, concepts, and ideas, for reflecting on the questions you want to ask, and how to ask them. In your second and third semester in Global Humanities you will have specialized courses on method and theory. Think of the Science and Philosophy dimension course as offering a first glimpse of ideas that you will need to examine more critically when you take a closer look at what method and theory are all about.</p> <p>I also want to convey some concrete skills in this course. All sorts of skills are useful when it comes to writing a project – for example, knowing something about good argumentation is important, as you will need to be able to make the case for your own work, and to criticize work that you disagree with. However, the skill I want to focus on in this course is something even more basic: reading. How do you read a text? What sort of texts should you read, and how do you find them? How do you cope with difficult texts? And why stick with texts? For example, what role do videos and podcasts have to play in your learning process? In short: how can I find – and understand – ideas that might be useful for me in my project work? We will return to the theme of reading (and alternatives to reading) throughout the course, and try to figure out as many useful strategies as we can.</p>
Expected work effort (ECTS-declaration)	<p>The course is 5 ECTS (27,5 hours/ECTS) = 137,5 hours including the final exam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session length: 2 hours.• Number of sessions: 10.• Expected student workload per session: Preparation: 4-6 hours for reading, 2 hours for preparation exercises at review sessions and at home.• Attendance: 2 hours Total: 10-12 hours per week• Total course workload excluding exam (10 x 10): 100 hours.• Exam: Preparation and doing the two day exam: 37,5 hours
Course material and Reading list	Will be made available on Moodle.
Evaluation- and feedback forms	<p>Knowledge and understanding of theories, methods, concepts, academic traditions and current discourse in the humanistic dimension 'science and philosophy'.</p> <p>Proficiency in analysing, comparing and assessing research questions within the dimension 'science and philosophy'.</p>
Administration of exams	HIB Registration & Exams (hib-exams@ruc.dk)
Responsible for the activity	Patrick Rowan Blackburn (patrickb@ruc.dk)
ECTS	5
Learning outcomes and assessment criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge and understanding of theories, methods, concepts, academic traditions and current discourse in the humanistic dimension 'science and philosophy'• Proficiency in analysing, comparing and assessing research questions within the dimension 'science and philosophy'.

Overall content	An overview of the contents of the dimension can be found in the dimension descriptions in appendix 1
Teaching and working methods	Class instruction with supplementary exercise lessons
Type of activity	Mandatory course
Form of examination (p1)	<p>Individual written take-home assignment given by the lecturer.</p> <p>The character limit of the assignment is: 7,200-26,400 characters, including spaces. The character limit includes the cover, table of contents, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.</p> <p>The duration of the take-home assignment is 48 hours and may include weekends and public holidays.</p> <p>Assessment: 7-point grading scale.</p>
Form of Re-examination (p1)	Samme som ordinær eksamen
Exam code(s)	Exam code(s) : U40700