

HGO4601 – Economic geography: Institutions, evolution and sustainability transitions

Course content

The course provides an introduction to new directions in theory such as evolutionary economic geography and addresses institutions and the dynamics between the local and global. Thematically it delves into debates over environmental sustainability transitions, a more environmentally aware economic geography and empirical examples .

Learning outcome

Knowledge aims

- The ability to provide a thorough account of and to discuss central concepts such as evolution and institutions in economic geography.
- An understanding of the dynamics between actors on different geographical levels such as local, global and national.
- To know some of the recent literature on sustainability, transitions and green innovations within economic geography.

Learning aim

The aim of course is to lay the foundation for the theoretically informed analysis in the master theses.

Admission

Students who are admitted to study programmes at UiO must each semester register which courses and exams they wish to sign up for [in Studentweb](#).

If you are not already enrolled as a student at UiO, please see our information about [admission requirements and procedures](#).

This course is a part of the Master's program in Human Geography. Students with admission to other relevant master's degree programmes can apply for admission as [quest students](#).

Prerequisites

Recommended previous knowledge

The course builds upon [SGO2200 - Economic globalisation and regional development](#) and [SGO3200 - Environment and innovation](#).

Overlapping courses

This course overlaps with the following courses: [SGO4601 - Economic geography: Institutions, evolution and sustainability transitions](#), [SGO4016 - Økonomisk geografi \(discontinued\)](#) and SGO312.

Teaching

The teaching consists of ~~both~~ lectures ~~and seminars~~.

Examination

6-hour written exam.

[Previous exams](#) (SGO4601)

Examination support material

Students may use dictionaries at this exam. Dictionaries must be handed in before the examination. Please read [regulations for dictionaries permitted at the examination](#).

Language of examination

The examination text is given in English. You may submit your response in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish or English.

Grading scale

Grades are awarded on a scale from A to F, where A is the best grade and F is a fail. Read more about [the grading system](#).

Explanations and appeals

It is recommended to request an explanation of your grade before you decide to appeal.

Appeal

- [Appeal against grades](#)
- [Complaint about formal exam errors](#)

Explanation

The deadline to request an explanation is one week after the grade is published. For oral and practical examinations, the deadline is immediately after you have received your grade.

The explanation should normally be given within two weeks after you have asked for it. The examiner decides whether the explanation is to be given in writing or verbally.

Ask for explanation of your grade in this course:

- [school exam](#)

Resit an examination

If you are sick or have another valid reason for not attending the regular exam, we offer a [postponed exam](#) later in the same semester.

See also our information about [resitting an exam](#).

Withdrawal from an examination

It is possible to take the exam up to 3 times. If you [withdraw from the exam](#) after the deadline or during the exam, this will be counted as an examination attempt.

Special examination arrangements

Application form, deadline and requirements for [special examination arrangements](#).

Evaluation

The course is subject to continuous evaluation. At regular intervals we also ask students to participate in a more comprehensive evaluation.