



Masters' theses

- Maria Roginskaya is the contact person regarding Masters' theses for both students and teachers
- There is a new page where we can advertise suggested thesis topics:
http://www.math.chalmers.se/Math/Grundutb/thesis/projects_list/
- To post a topic you first need to request a password:
http://www.math.chalmers.se/Math/Grundutb/thesis/projects_list/password.php
- Then you can add and manage your topics here:
http://www.math.chalmers.se/Math/Grundutb/thesis/projects_list/supervisor.php



Digital examination

- Both Chalmers and GU have acquired a system handling digital examination. At the moment it's limited more or less to multiple choice and essay questions. It should be possible to have a combined exam with both a digital and a paper part. For more information see: <https://www.chalmers.se/insidan/SV/utbildning-och-forskning/grundutbildning/kurs/examination/digital-examination>



Canvas replaces Pingpong/GU

- Starting fall 2019 all our courses will start using a new LMS called Canvas that will replace Pingpong/GUL. You can explore the system at [Chalmers](#) or [GU](#) after logging with your CID or X-account respectively. There should be a test course that you could play with. More information about the transition will come later this fall.



PhD students on undergraduate courses

Admission and registration:

- No PhD students from Swedish or foreign institutions will apply for our undergraduate courses via antagning.se or be registered on the course.
- Instead, the PhD student registers directly to the course examiner.
- Course examiner informs mvexp.math@chalmers.se of the PhD student's name, social security number and the course taken and to Fia to access Pingpong.
- The expedition gives the doctoral student access to our premises.

Registration for the exam:

- Chalmers PhD students studying a Chalmers course register via the PhD student portal (Doktorandportalen).
- All other cases, please register via mvexp.math@chalmers.se



Teachers' meeting: Ph.D. studies

November 1, 2018

Content

- Evaluation of research at Chalmers
- Evaluation of research schools at Chalmers
- Ph.D. students' results in the working environmental survey
- Our action plan (based on the previous items)
- Joint Ph.D. degree
- Fubas at GU (support system for Ph.D. courses)

Evaluation of research (Chalmers): recommendations

- Push for completion of Ph.D. in four years.
- Explore possibilities to increase the number of internally funded (fakultetsmedel) Ph.D. positions
- Reconsider the timing of the Ph.D. position calls. (The current time is not optimal in order to recruit internationally.)

Evaluation of research schools (Chalmers): good examples

- Free positions
- Studying Swedish is a part of departmental duties
- Recruitment process
- Possibility to work in the consultancy group
- Several seminar series
- Ph.D. students' own seminar series
- MediYoga (mindfulness)
- Follow-up of alumni

Recommendations

- Realize the joint degree between Chalmers and GU.
- Clarify the co-supervisor's role.
- During the follow-up discussion (doktorandsamtal), reserve some time for each Ph.D. student to discuss alone with the director of studies.



Recommendations:

- Think about the selection of Ph.D. courses.
- Consider offering some pedagogical support for Ph.D. students.
- Attract more Ph.D. students outside Gothenburg.
- Explore creative ways to reduce stress.

In addition, our Ph.D. students wish

- to have some broad Ph.D. courses.
- to "improve" the GTS courses.
- to have the requirements concerning the course work and thesis work more clear than they are today (applied research school).
- to have regular meetings within the division/research school.
- to have clear rules concerning how much funding for conferences they can expect to get from the department/division.

Ph.D. students' results from the working environment survey

- Most Ph.D. students are happy with their main supervisor and with the quality/quantity of supervision
- Co-supervisors should play a bigger role
- It is not clear that one can change supervisors
- Compared to last year, our Ph.D. students seem to have found a better balance between work and private life but it could still be improved.

Our action plan

- Review the travel policy
- Review the list of Ph.D. courses
 - a) How can the Ph.D. students affect the list?
 - b) Should we offer some "basic" Ph.D. courses that are given regularly?
- Arrange an alumni day in the near future.
- Make sure that all co-supervisors know what is expected from them and that they are involved in the Ph.D. student's work.

Co-supervisor

- at least one co-supervisor at MV
- is introduced to the Ph.D. student's research project at an early stage
- is aware of what the Ph.D. student is working on
- preferably, reads the manuscripts that the Ph.D. student produces
- participates in the planning of studies (ISP) and “doktorandsamtal”
- helps the Ph.D. student to find a new main supervisor if such a procedure is needed

Our action plan

- Review our recruitment schedule.
- Investigate whether there exist more advanced language courses to offer.
- Investigate whether longer stays at an other university/research institute outside Sweden could count as a GTS course.
- Insure the continuity of the Ph.D. students' seminar.
- Continue to work on to achieve a better balance between work and private life.

Joint Ph.D. degree

- We have gone through the study plans (almänna studieplaner) and marked the differences between GU and Chalmers.
- We have indicated our wishes in cases where the rules differ.
- Currently, Jenny Öjhage (Science faculty, GU) and Jens Hansson (Chalmers) are working on it.

Fubas (support for Ph.D. courses)

- Handling of courses and course plans
- All Ph.D. courses gathered in one place
- Possibility for both internal and external Ph.D. students to apply to participate in our courses
- Communicates with Ladok3

Fubas

- We can start to use Fubas from December 4 on
- Ph.D. students will start to apply for the courses via Fubas some time in 2019
- If you are giving/thinking of giving a Ph.D. course, contact one of the directors of studies (studierektor), Peter Hegarty, Johan Tykesson or Marija Cvijovic.