A. Reading course Beyond Nature vs. Nurture: Sociology, Evolution, and Economics integrated (PhD level)

A third level (PhD) “reading course” does not involve any teaching and typically only has one or a few participants taking part in the course. A reading course for 7.5 credits should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, which exact page number can vary depending on then nature of texts (i.e., heavy dominance of research articles). The Department of Sociology offer reading courses to its PhD students on areas that cover either a specific topic of high relevance for the PhD thesis, or a specific area of research expertise in the Department. This course belongs to the latter category.

This course has been reviewed by the Director of graduate studies on 2018-03-19.

B. Course Details, Assessment, Grades

This course is offered by Mikael Klintman upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under D, below. There is no teaching. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 10-15 pages and/or an oral examination.

The grades for the course are awarded as Pass or Fail. To receive a Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course and demonstrate an independent, reflective, well-informed and critical relationship to the issues presented in the course.

C. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to:
1) Summarize the main outlines of the research field in the interface of the social, evolutionary and economic sciences covered in the reading material.
2) Critically examine contributions to this research field. Here you should identify similarities in concepts and notions between the disciplines, possible lessons between them as well as incommensurabilities.
3) Apply some of the ideas in the literature to a research problem of your own research interest. You should here analyse the research problem in question in an integrated, coherent way although taking lessons from all three human sciences into account.

D. Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to the Ph.D. program at the Department of Sociology, Lund University, or be accepted as a visiting student to that program.

H. Course Literature
Mandatory reading:

Elective readings:
