



UMEÅ UNIVERSITY

# Digital Research: Methods and Perspectives in the Humanities and Social Science (PhD Course)

Credits: 7.5  
Grades: Fail, Pass

The course was instated 2016-12-19 by the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Umeå University.  
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## Contents

The course gives an orientation in digital research within the humanities and social sciences. This orientation is broad, and deals with digital research methods and tools, as well as with issues relating to the digitalisation of society and culture as objects of study. The first part of the course introduces a set of methods and brings attention to issues of digital research ethics, while the second part consists of a number of topical applications. The course is a collaboration between Humlab and DIGSUM.

## Expected outcomes

After taking the course, the PhD student shall have:

- knowledge about, and an understanding of, central concepts within digital research.
- knowledge about, and an understanding of, methods and tools that are used in digital research.
- the ability to critically discuss different ways of working with, and orientating oneself within, digital research.
- the ability to assess and apply relevant perspectives, methods and tools in relation to their own ongoing research.
- an understanding of research ethics in relation to digital tools and methods

## Criteria of acceptance

In order to take the course, the applicant must be admitted to and undergoing PhD education.

## Teaching

The course consists of lectures, workshops, seminars and practical work with methods and tools.

## Examination and literature

The examination consists of a final assignment where the student goes deeper into one of the topics introduced during the course and connects it to their PhD work. As such, the course literature is not examined, but used as support for writing the final assignment. Literature may vary and is announced on the course website.