

# Project: Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition

Title	Project: Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition
Semester	F2024
Master programme in	Social Entrepreneurship and Management
Type of activity	Project
Teaching language	English
Study regulation	Read about the Master Programme and find the Study Regulations at <a href="https://ruc.dk">ruc.dk</a>

## REGISTRATION AND STUDY ADMINISTRATIVE

You register for activities through [stads selvbetjening](#) during the announced registration period, which you can see on the [Study administration homepage](#).

Registration for project-exam: Please remember to confirm your registration by signing up for exam as a group when the group formation is final. The registration is through [STADS Online Student Service](#)

### Registration

When registering for courses, please be aware of the potential conflicts and overlaps between course and exam time and dates. The planning of course activities at Roskilde University is based on the recommended study programmes, which should not overlap. However, if you choose optional courses and/or study plans that goes beyond the recommended study programmes, an overlap of lectures or exam dates may occur depending on which courses you choose.

Number of participants

ECTS 15

Responsible for the activity

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Exam code(s) U60220

## ACADEMIC CONTENT

Overall  
objective

In the project work the students work with a self-selected and formulated research problem related to the main topics of the semester, social innovation, social change or sustainable transition, by applying one or more of the theoretical and practical approaches to the subject. Students get to work with project-oriented work processes and to apply relevant qualitative and/or quantitative social science methods in relation to social innovation and social change.

### *Project formation:*

The project work begins with project formation, which is facilitated by teachers and runs over the course of two or three days. This process entails various activities such as reading of project reports, presentation of the formal requirements for the project, the project work guidelines, as well as idea generation and development in plenary and in smaller groups. We encourage and expect students to go openly into group formation, to listen to other students when discussing project ideas and generally to take responsibility for the success of the process for all involved parties. Students are expected to take initiative themselves and attempt to find group members to collaborate with and to collectively take responsibility for finding groups for all students.

Detailed  
description of  
content

The activities in the project formation process all aim to support students in forming sustainable project groups based on the students' interests within the frame of the programme's module description. They include:

- Share ideas and interests related to project work.
- To collaboratively identify themes, which can be turned into interesting and relevant academic problems.
- Discuss and develop these ideas to develop and refine them – all ideas are collectively refined through discussion.
- By the end to form groups based on students' shared interest around a problem/theme.

### *Project work in groups:*

The project work is conducted in groups of 2-7 students. It is expected that all students contribute actively to the professional collective learning community through for example facilitation of groups meetings, lifting agreed tasks and by giving constructive feedback to their peers. We recommend that students actively use the book *The Group Project: How to do it* by K. A. Sørensen and E. Bendix.

#### *Supervision:*

After project and group formation the groups will have a supervisor assigned. The aim of supervision is to support the project work through feedback and constructive critique to help the group progress with their project work. The supervision is centered around the students' problem formulation and under concern for the students' freedom to choose theories and method within the frame of the module's project description.

The groups are expected to independently manage the project, which includes taking the initiative to meet with the supervisor and to send an agenda and reading instructions prior to supervision meetings. The groups are also expected to engage in a dialogue on agreement and expectations with regards to the collaboration with the supervisor. The number of supervision hours depends on the group size and are specified in the project work guidelines, which are shared on moodle.

#### *Midterm evaluation:*

The project work is supported by a midterm evaluation. The aim of the midterm evaluation is to support the projects through feedback from other students and supervisors as well as to give and receive constructive feedback. Besides, the midterm evaluation works as preparation for the exam in the sense that students get a chance to practice receiving formative feedback on their oral presentations and discussions of the project. It is part of the training in given oral presentations and participating in discussion of dimensions of the project.

#### *Competency reflection:*

A competency reflection must be submitted with the project on all modules. It is an individual reflection on the learning and competency development through the course of the studies. It has the aim of supporting students in articulating their competency development and progression throughout the programme. It is meant as a tool that the

students can use to create an overview and construct and overview of their progression from one semester to the next.

The details about the competency reflection are described in the project work guidelines, which are shared on moodle.

Course material and Reading list      There is no common syllabus for project work. Students themselves select relevant literature for their project work.  
We recommend that students actively use the book The Group Project: How to do it by K. A. Sørensen and E. Bendix.

The project work is organised in groups established on the basis of academic topics and interests at the beginning of the semester.

### **Study intensity**

Outline:

The project corresponds to 15 ECTS = 405 working hours per student. Students are expected to spend approximately an average of 20 working hour per week and to work on the project throughout the semester, but most intensively in the second half of the semester.

Overall plan and expected work effort      Working hours related to specified activities: - Competency reflection: 3 hours - Supervision meetings 4-6 hours, excluding preparation - Midterm evaluation 15 hours including preparation of midterm paper and oral presentation and preparation of feedback for the feedback group - Exam ½ per student, excluding preparation of oral presentation. The total exam time depends on the number of students in the group

### **Teaching and learning activities**

- Project- and group formation
- Project work
- Supervision
- Peer feedback
- Competency reflection report
- Mid-term evaluation
- Homework individually/in study groups

Format

Evaluation and feedback	The project is evaluated by a survey by the end of the semester.
Programme	Project and group formation takes place in the third week of the semester. A detailed programme and description can be found on moodle.

## ASSESSMENT

After completing this activity, students will be able to:

Overall learning outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Situate, compare and assess own academic work within research and practice of social innovation, social change and sustainable transition.</li> <li>• Define, apply and motivate a problem-oriented research question and a research design in a study of social innovation, social change and sustainable transition.</li> <li>• Select, apply and critically assess philosophies of science, theory and empirical research methods in a study and analysis in the area of social innovation and social entrepreneurship.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate to manage and organise a project on a complex interdisciplinary research question in a reflective and critical manner.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master oral and written communication of research-based knowledge.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can independently give and receive feedback on academic texts produced by themselves or their peers.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can formulate a concise precis (summary, synopsis, résumé, abstract) of their own project,</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate the processes involved in the project work and reflect on their own role in this.</li> </ul>

Oral project exam in groups with individual assessment

Form of examination	Permitted group size: 2-7 students.
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The character limits of the project report are:

For 2 students: 100,800-151,200 characters, including spaces.  
 For 3 students: 100,800-151,200 characters, including spaces.  
 For 4 students: 151,200-204,000 characters, including spaces.  
 For 5 students: 151,200-204,000 characters, including spaces.  
 For 6 students: 204,000-240,000 characters, including spaces.  
 For 7 students: 204,000-240,000 characters, including spaces.  
 The character limits include the cover, table of contents, summary, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.

Time allowed for exam including time used for assessment is for:  
 2 students: 60 minutes.  
 3 students: 75 minutes.  
 4 students: 90 minutes.  
 5 students: 105 minutes.  
 6 students: 120 minutes.  
 7 students: 135 minutes.

Writing and spelling skills in the project report are part of the assessment.

Permitted support and preparation materials at the oral exam: All

Assessment: 7-point grading scale.  
 Moderation: External examiner.

Form of Re-examination  
 Type of examination in special cases

Samme som ordinær eksamen / same form as ordinary exam

It will be assessed to which degree the student demonstrates:

Examination and assessment criteria

The assessment of the project report will be based on the extend to which it:

- Demonstrates ability to define, apply and motivate a problem-oriented research question and a research design in a study of social entrepreneurship, social enterprise, solidarity economy and/or social responsibility
- Demonstrates ability to select, apply and critically assess philosophies of science, theory and empirical research methods in a study and analysis in the area of social entrepreneurship

- Demonstrates ability to select and argue for the choice of relevant theories for the research problem
- Conducts the research planned in the selected research design
- Conducts a relevant and reflective analysis of to answer the research question
- Demonstrates critical reflection on the strengths and weaknesses of the selected research design and choice of theories

The oral performance is assessed to which degree the student demonstrates:

- Ability to present and critically reflect upon the problem formulation, research design, analysis and findings of the project
- Ability to conduct a discussion of all elements of the project report including the theories and research literature used in the project

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## Course days:

**Hold: 1**

### **Project: Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition - Project formation (SEM)**

time 01-02-2024 09:00 til  
01-02-2024 16:00  
location 03.1-s21 - auditorie b (80)

### **Project: Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition - Project formation (SEM)**

time 02-02-2024 09:00 til  
02-02-2024 16:00  
location 03.1-s21 - auditorie b (80)

**Project: Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition -  
Hand-in Midterm (SEM)**

time 22-04-2024 10:00 til  
22-04-2024 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

**Project: Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition -  
Midterm (SEM)**

time 01-05-2024 08:15 til  
03-05-2024 18:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

**Project: Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition -  
Project hand-in (SEM)**

time 06-06-2024 10:00 til  
06-06-2024 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

**Project: Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition -  
Oral examinationperiod (SEM)**

time 17-06-2024 08:15 til  
28-06-2024 18:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

**Project: Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition -  
Oral reexaminationperiod (SEM)**

time 01-08-2024 08:15 til  
30-08-2024 18:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt