

GRADING GUIDE – HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (bachelor SGO and master HGO)

Course code and semester-year: HGO4501-H22

Type of examination: [underline the option that applies]

Written school exam / take-home exam / term paper given topic / term paper self-chosen topic

About exams at SGO/HGO: A good examination paper contains solid knowledge, logical and coherent reasoning and a systematic structure. The answer to a discussion question/task must examine, analyze, and connect different parts of the curriculum.

1. The answer responds to the question/task given in a precise and exhaustive way.
2. The answer demonstrates knowledge.
3. The answer must be well-written: coherent and using good academic language.
4. Key concepts – those at the core of the answer – must be defined.
5. The answer demonstrates analytical capacity and reflection.

Om eksamen ved SGO/HGO: En god besvarelse inneholder solid kunnskap, logisk argumentasjon og ryddig disposisjon. Besvarelsen av en drøftingsoppgave skal være diskuterende, analytisk og koble ulike deler av pensum.

1. Besvarelsen svarer på oppgaveteksten på en presis og utfyllende måte.
2. Besvarelsen viser kunnskap.
3. Besvarelsen skal være velskrevet: sammenhengende med godt akademisk språk.
4. Viktige begreper - de som er i kjernen av besvarelsen – skal defineres.
5. Besvarelsen skal vise analytiske evne og refleksjon.

About this course: The aim of HGO4501 is to introduce students to five key issues for the global South today: natural resource extraction, environmental justice, urban development, social protection, and international migration. The following Learning Outcomes are particularly relevant for the assessment of the term paper:

- **Knowledge:** Apply concepts and analytical perspectives addressed in the course to similar cases in different geographical settings.
- **Skills:** Recognize interconnections between the key issues addressed in the course, both analytically and empirically.
- **Competences:** Contribute to the new creative and independent thinking about development in the global south.

About specific questions/tasks:

The exam for HGO4501 is a term paper.

- The topic for the term paper is decided by each student and must be within the thematic focus of the course.
- The term paper will address two of the five themes of the course.
 - The student can choose whether to address both themes in a balanced manner or to place more emphasis on one. This choice should be explicitly stated and substantiated.

- The term paper must demonstrate active engagement with the syllabus. Additional sources can also be applied.
- The topic and focus of the term paper will be assessed and approved by the course coordinator within a set deadline.
- The length of the paper will be maximum 4000 words plus references.

A good HGO4501-term paper meets the learning outcomes highlighted above and is ...

- ✓ Focused, systematic, clear and well structured.
- ✓ Has a line of argument, a direction.
- ✓ Is theoretically informed: includes an analytical framework and uses it in the discussion.
- ✓ Can be empirical and build on cases to be analyzed, but it is not simply descriptive.
- ✓ It provides a coherent and relevant discussion, assessing and contrasting presented material.
- ✓ Has a complete and consistent list of references.

Based on the above, the following aspects will detract from the grade:

- Limited or absent use of the course syllabus.
- Weak coherence, structure and analysis.
- Weak or absent discussion.
- Incomplete or inconsistent use of references.
- Length of paper is below 3000 words.