



Swedish University of  
Agricultural Sciences

# SILVICULTURE OF TEMPERATE FORESTS 2021

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## GENERAL STUDENT INFORMATION

### Course set-up

Due to Covid-19, most teaching sessions in *Silviculture of Temperate Forests 2021* will be conducted via Zoom. Filmed field tours will be available on video through the course portal. Weekly discussion and group work sessions will be organized on campus; these can be attended physically or online through Zoom. The physical main location for the course is the Silvicum Building at 3 Sundsvägen in S-23053 Alnarp, Sweden. Students are expected to organize themselves additional field visits in their local environment and additional group work through Zoom. All students and prospective students who have registered an interest in the course will be sent a link to the first session via e-mail.

### Teaching and teaching location

Teaching will begin on Tuesday 31 August 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in a common session on Zoom. The course will include live online teaching sessions, live online group work, live online discussion sessions, recorded lectures, recorded field tours, guided discussions and group work, and self-guided tours by individual students or groups of students in nearby local forests, parks, roads or other settings in the landscape where trees can be found. These elements will form integral parts of the course and the examination requirements. The cost of tours in students' local environment should be carried by each individual student.

### Textbooks and other literature

The course is based on three textbooks, some extracts from other books and several journal articles. All of these are mentioned in the enclosed overview of literature and will be available as files for download from the course portal. Please contact me if you want access to course literature already now. Other teaching materials on field tours, group work and assignments will also be made available to you free of charge as pdf-files. Recorded field tours will be available through the course portal.

The textbook titles are:

- *The silviculture of trees used in British forestry* (CAB International, 3rd ed.; ISBN 978-1-78639-392-0),
- *Silvicultural systems* (Oxford University Press, ISBN 0-19-854670-X) and
- *The silviculture and management of coppice woodlands* (Forestry Commission, ISBN 0-85538-591-X)

### Course schedule

The enclosed overview of lectures and field tours includes an outline of the course schedule. A detailed course schedule will be sent out in August.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 31 August. Please don't hesitate to contact me in the meantime if you have questions or suggestions regarding the course.

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**A PS regarding Covid-19:** The decision to offer *Silviculture of Temperate Forests 2021* as an online course was based on the Covid-19 situation. The course usually includes 3 weeks of field tours to Denmark, Germany and France. Unfortunately, the budget cannot cover the additional costs of the additional requirements which under the current circumstances would be needed to fulfil in terms of transportation and lodging. Next, the Covid-19 situation tends to change at short notice and so do the restrictions that prevail in different countries and in different regions. The attendance of international students on the course would further complicate these matters. Moreover, some of the large numbers of local hosts have expressed their concern regarding the arrangement, for various reasons (including health concerns and concerns on setting up a realistic and reasonable schedule for the tours). You are welcome to contact me again if you need further clarification or want to discuss alternative options.