

Forest History - Human utilisation and vegetation dynamics (SV0027), 15 credits

Autumn 2025; Course leaders: Lars Östlund, Magdalena Fassl

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Bokskogen lecture hall is on the 3rd floor, at the library. **Dubbeltoppen** group-meeting room is on the 4th floor, in the FEM department. **Aspen** lecture hall is on the 6th floor, above Åteln.

Skogis is the nickname given to SLU (skog = forest).

Date	Day	Time (Location)	Activity (Instructors)	Examinations & Due dates	Comments
COURSE INTRODUCTION (week 36)					
2025-Sept 1	Mon	13:00–16 (Bokskogen)	Course intro LECTURE (LÖ, MF); People & forests in the long-term perspective LECTURE (LÖ)		Mandatory to be registered on course
2025-Sept 2	Tues	10:00–12:00 (Bokskogen); 13:00–16 (Bokskogen)	Intro to fieldweek LECTURE (LÖ); Dendrochronology LECTURE & WORKSHOP (MF)	Dendro WORKSHOP	Mandatory
2025-Sept 3	Wed	8–12	Fieldweek PREPARATIONS (in Tjeggelvas groups)	Fieldweek PREPARATIONS (required reading on Canvas)	Mandatory
2025-Sept 4	Thurs	8–12 13:00–14:00 (Bokskogen); 14:15–16 (Bokskogen)	Plan and work on EXTRA TASKS for higher grade; Interview project intro/Interview techniques LECTURE (EE); Abstract writing in-class ASSIGNMENT (LÖ)	Abstract ASSIGNMENT	Mandatory; laptop needed
2025-Sept 5	Fri	8–12 13:00–16 (Bokskogen)	Fieldweek PREPARATIONS/Interview project PREPARATIONS; Report writing LECTURE (LÖ); English science writing LECTURE (KB); Publication process LECTURE (TN)		
FIELDWEEK IN TJEGGELVAS (week 37)					
2025-Sept 8	Mon	~8–17	TRAVEL to Arjeplog		Mandatory
2025-Sept 9	Tues	~8–17 (Field)	DATA COLLECTION & fieldwork on site (LÖ, MF)		Mandatory
2025-Sept 10	Wed	~8–17 (Field)	DATA COLLECTION & fieldwork on site (LÖ, MF); Silver Museum visit/dinner evening		Mandatory
2025-Sept 11	Thurs	~8–17 (Field)	DATA COLLECTION & fieldwork on site (LÖ, MF);		Mandatory

2025-Sept 12	Fri	~8–17	TRAVEL to Umeå		Mandatory
FOREST DISTURBANCE & DISTURBANCE HISTORY; DATA PROCESSING & ANALYSIS (week 38)					
2025-Sept 15	Mon	8–12; 13:00-15:00 (Bokskogen); 15:15-17:15 (Bokskogen)	Read papers for SEMINAR on Friday Sept 19; Disturbance & succession in boreal forest ecosystems LECTURE (TJ); Forest fire in boreal ecosystems LECTURE (AG)		
2025-Sept 16	Tues	09:00–12; 13:00–16 (Dendro lab)	Tjeggelvas report: LAB work (~ half a day per group, MF)		Mandatory
2025-Sept 17	Wed	09:00–12 (Dendro lab)	Tjeggelvas report: LAB work (~ half a day per group, MF)		Mandatory
2025-Sept 18	Thurs	09:00–12; 13:00–16 (Dendro lab)	Tjeggelvas report: LAB work (~ half a day per group, MF)		Mandatory
2025-Sept 19	Fri	8–12; 13:00-17 (Bokskogen)	Interview project PREPARATIONS; Natural disturbances & successional dynamics SEMINAR (TJ)	Interview subject and questions DUE; SEMINAR	Mandatory
DATA PROCESSING & ANALYSIS (week 39)					
2025-Sept 22	Mon	08:00–12; 13:00–17 (Computer rooms)	Dendro COMPUTER WORK (MF)		Mandatory
2025-Sept 23	Tues	08:00–12; 13:00–17 (Computer rooms)	Dendro COMPUTER WORK (MF)		Mandatory
2025-Sept 24	Wed	08:00–12 (Dubbeltoppen)	Tjeggelvas report GROUP MEETINGS with LÖ & MF		Mandatory
2025-Sept 25	Thurs	8–17	Tjeggelvas report: data analysis/report WRITING (in groups); Interview project: CONDUCT interview		
2025-Sept 26	Fri	8–17	Tjeggelvas report: data analysis/report WRITING (in groups); Interview project: CONDUCT interview		

CONSERVATION, CULTURAL LEGACIES & MANAGEMENT (week 40)					
2025-Sept 29	Mon	8–12; 13:00–17 (Aspen)	Read papers for EXCURSION on Thursday Oct 2; Applied forest history for management & conservation of boreal forests LECTURE (TJ)		
2025-Sept 30	Tues	8–12; 13:00–14:00 (Bokskogen); 14:15–15 (Bokskogen)	Tjeggelvas report: WRITING (in groups); The history and ecology of <i>Pinus contorta</i> introduction to Sweden LECTURE (MG1); Sámi reindeer herding and restoration of winter grazing landscapes LECTURE (EE)		
2025-Oct 1	Wed	8–12	Work on EXTRA TASKS for higher grade		
2025-Oct 2	Thurs	09:00–17 (outdoors)	Evaluation of forest values & management options based on forest history knowledge EXCURSION (TJ)	EXCURSION	Mandatory
2025-Oct 3	Fri	8–17	Interview project: ANALYSIS/writing		
FOREST MANAGEMENT HISTORY (week 41)					
2025-Oct 6	Mon	8–11 12:00–14 (Bokskogen) 14:15–17 (Bokskogen)	Tjeggelvas report: WRITING (in groups); Forest industry in Sweden, floating of timber & social development LECTURE (ET); Boreal forest management history LECTURE & WORKSHOP (LÖ)	WORKSHOP	Mandatory
2025-Oct 7	Tues	8–12; 13:00–16 (Bokskogen)	Tjeggelvas report: WRITING (in groups); Continuous cover forestry: Origins, definitions, terms and history LECTURE (AP)		
2025-Oct 8	Wed	8–12	Interview project: ANALYSIS/writing		
2025-Oct 9	Thurs	8–12 13:00–14:00 (Bokskogen); 14:00–15:00 (Computer rooms)	Tjeggelvas report: WRITING (in groups); LIDAR as a tool for detecting cultural remains in forests LECTURE & COMPUTER EXERCISE (WL)	Tjeggelvas REPORT DUE; COMPUTER EXERCISE	Mandatory
2025-Oct 10	Fri	09:00–10:15 (Bokskogen);	"I stand here, and I won't move" – Women in forestry in northern Sweden during the 20th century LECTURE (MG2);		

		10:30-11:45 (Bokskogen); 13-17	Women working as cooks in logging camps in the early 20th century LECTURE (AMR); Work on EXTRA TASKS for higher grade		
LONG-TERM HUMAN LAND USE (week 42)					
2025-Oct 13	Mon	8-12 13:00-15 (Bokskogen)	Tjeggelvas report: WRITING (in groups); A forest history synthesis: Adamvalta & deforestation AD 1000 LECTURE (LÖ)		
2025-Oct 14	Tues	8-12 13:00-17 (outside, adjacent Skogis)	Tjeggelvas report: WRITING (in groups); Fire EXPERIMENT in groups	Fire EXPERIMENT	Mandatory
2025-Oct 15	Wed	09:00-10:15 (Zoom)	Kelo-trees LECTURE (TA)		
2025-Oct 16	Thurs	8-12 13:00-14:45 (Bokskogen)	Interview project: WRITING; Sami taxlands in Sweden & Sami historical impact on forest ecosystems LECTURES (GN);		
2025-Oct 17	Fri	8-17	FINALIZATION of Tjeggelvas group report;	Revised Tjeggelvas REPORT DUE	
FOREST VEGETATION HISTORY & POLLEN ANALYSIS (week 43)					
2025-Oct 20	Mon	09:00-12 (Bokskogen); 13:00-16 (Bokskogen)	Fennoscandian vegetation history LECTURE (JK) Testing paleoecological tools EXERCISE (JK)	EXERCISE	Mandatory
2025-Oct 21	Tues	8-12; 13:00-15 (Zoom)	Interview project: WRITING; Forest vegetation history in southern Sweden and the interesting Vera-debate LECTURE (ML)		
2025-Oct 22	Wed	8-12	Interview project: WRITING	Interview PROJECT DUE	
2025-Oct 23	Thurs	8-12; 13:00-15 (Bokskogen)	Prepare Interview project PRESENTATION; Read paper for SEMINAR on Friday Oct 24; Global change in a historical perspective LECTURE (MK)		
2025-Oct 24	Fri	08:30-12 (Dubbeltoppen); 13:00-16 (Dubbeltoppen)	Literature SEMINAR in groups on global climate change (MK)	SEMINAR	Mandatory

INTERNATIONAL FOREST HISTORY & INTERVIEW PRESENTATIONS (week 44)					
2025-Oct 27	Mon	8-12; 13:00-13:45 (Aspen); 14-17	Prepare Interview project PRESENTATION; Great Lakes USA Forest History LECTURE (KB); Indigenous land use & forest history in W. Canada LECTURE (NT); Swiss Forest history LECTURE (MB)	NT & MB are RECORDED lectures (available on Canvas)	
2025-Oct 28	Tues	08:00–12 (P-O Bäckströms sal); 13:00–17 (Bokskogen);	Interview project PRESENTATIONS (LÖ, MF, EE)	Oral PRESENTATION	Mandatory
2025-Oct 29	Wed	08:00–12 (Bokskogen);	Interview project PRESENTATIONS (LÖ, MF, EE)	Oral PRESENTATION	Mandatory
2025-Oct 30	Thurs	8–17	FINALIZATION of Interview project	Revised Interview PROJECT & EXTRA TASKS DUE	

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