



Policy

Quality Assurance of Research and Education at Jönköping University

Jönköping University (JU) is a modern higher education institution characterised by internationalisation and an entrepreneurial spirit. JU works in close collaboration with trade, industry and the public sector within both research and education. Conducting high-quality research and education, as well as third-stream activities, with a high level of internationalisation, is a precondition for JU's continued development. Consequently, quality assurance of research and education is highly prioritized in the strategic governance of JU and consists of systematic and continuous improvements conducted as an integral part of the day-to-day operation. The quality assurance work is regulated by the quality system and includes both quality assurance and quality development of research and education at JU.

1. Fundamental requirements

The following fundamental requirements apply to quality assurance and quality development of research and education at JU:

- it should comply with applicable legislation and other external requirements for research and education,
- the work should be conducted in line with the overall objectives and strategies that JU has set for the work,
- it should ensure fulfilment of examinations goals for education,
- that research is based on basic principles of good research practice and research ethics,
- that research and education is conducted without any tolerance for plagiarism, cheating, undue influence, or other irregularities,
- that gender equality is considered when planning, implementing and following up research and education,
- that diversity is considered and that all kinds of intolerance and discrimination is eliminated when planning, implementing and following up research and education,
- that a sustainability perspective is considered when planning, implementing and following up research and education,
- that there exists relevant infrastructure and support activities within JU, including a good work environment for students, doctoral students, researchers and teaching staff.

2. Objectives

The overall objective of the quality assurance work at JU is to ensure and develop a high level of quality within research and education by:

- contributing to a quality culture that promotes participation, involvement and responsibility among students, doctoral students, researchers, and teaching staff,
- contributing to a close connection between research and education within JU,
- contributing to the relevance and use of research and education through third-stream activities,
- contributing to the courses and study programmes developing the preparedness of students and doctoral students for working life,
- contributing to identifying needs and creating opportunities for competence development with regards to both pedagogic competence and expertise within a specific field,



- contributing to students, doctoral students, researchers, and teaching staff being well placed to exert an influence over their respective education and work situations.

3. The quality system

The quality assurance work is performed within the framework of JU's quality systems, which include both the documented preconditions, in the form of organisation, allocation of responsibilities and internal steering documents that govern the reviews, follow-ups, analyses and quality improvements implemented within research and development, which include:

- developing Quality Reports for all study programmes and research environments annually,
- developing Quality Improvement Plans for all study programmes and research environments annually,
- developing Quality Improvement Plans for each School annually as an input to the School's Operational Plan,
- developing an overall Quality Improvement Plan annually at JU level,
- conducting cyclical quality assessments of study programmes and research environments in five-year intervals,
- conducting the overall quality assurance work in a coordinated way within JU, and also evaluating and developing the quality system when required.