

Example of LOCUS exam paper instructions, in the context of a course of social science

The project report:

The fieldwork will end with a project report from each group. The report is an exam in the course. It is a group answer that is assessed as pass/fail.

In the course, you will acquire knowledge about research and development work that is relevant to social work through practical research work and the syllabus. The fieldwork in the districts is an exploration work where you gather knowledge about living conditions and well-being in the districts and what assessments, opportunities and obstacles citizens of different ages highlight and emphasize. Each group will conduct 10 questionnaire interviews electronically in addition to open qualitative interviews. Along the way, you also use (participatory) observation as a method and write field notes from what you observe, cf. syllabus and lecture on 15 April.

The project report also includes a photo assignment: When you are out fielding and perhaps conducting interviews, take a good look around you, what are the meeting places for residents in the neighborhood? In which public spaces do locals come together to meet each other? You can think of community centers, churches/mosques, squares, coffee shops, hairdressers, markets, etc. Take a picture of this place and write a text for the photo of no more than 200 words. What do we see on the car and in what way does this illustrate the neighborhood that has been explored. Please take privacy into account (no recognizable persons). Also make sure that it is a nice and clear image that can also be used on a poster. The photo can be added to the front page of the project report.

The teaching and syllabus in philosophy of science and social science methods must be used in the assignment. Syllabus/previous syllabus literature and/or other relevant theory can be used in the work, and this must be shown in the report.

The name of the district can be given. Beyond this, the group must consider whether the meeting arena can be described without a proper name, but if this makes little sense, you will be able to name the arena you field in

The report must contain:

- An introduction or introduction where you briefly describe the field that has been explored. The introduction leads to a chosen research question with justification and delimitation.
- An account of what characterizes the field (the district) and existing knowledge you have obtained that is relevant to the research question. This can be various district reports, special focus areas or relevant research. Feel free to include relevant syllabus from this and previous courses here. There is no requirement for a limited and clear theoretical perspective, but it would certainly be positive if you anchored the further analysis in theory from this and previous courses.
- Method and procedure. How you have proceeded to answer the research question, including how data was collected. Ethical considerations, including privacy and consent.

- Analysis of the data you have collected. Reflect on the relationship between the quantitative analyses based on district data and/or the questionnaire survey *and* the qualitative data you collect. Draw in philosophy of science perspectives and theoretical concepts to interpret the data. Analysis involves asking questions about the data material and linking the empirical material to theories and concepts
- Summary/summary
- Attachment:
 - Any tables from quantitative analyses and any interview guide
 - How the group has divided the work among themselves. Briefly about who has contributed with what during the fieldwork and in the writing of the report (in addition to the 14-16 pages). Use candidate number (not name).

The attachments must be marked as attachments and submitted together with the report in one and the same pdf file

Formal requirements for the design of the answer:

- A4 format
- Font: Calibri
- Font size: 12
- Line spacing: 1.5
- The answer should be 14-16 pages long
- The pages must be numbered, and must have candidate numbers added
- At the top of the first page, it should say "Exams in SOS2160, candidates [candidate numbers]"
- Approved referencing style APA must be followed. Use <https://kildekompasset.no/referansestiler/apa-7th/> Links to an external site.