

General information

The Department of Economics and Resource Management offers a PhD degree in economics, with specializations in fields where the department has active research groups, such as development, resource and agricultural economics. The scope of topics is limited by the supervision capacity and the courses offered.

The PhD programme is stipulated to three years, extendable to four years if fieldwork is done, and consists of one year of course work and a PhD thesis. The programme is designed to provide strong theoretical and methodological skills in economics, while maintaining an applied focus.

More than half of the current PhD students are from developing countries, and do 6-12 months of fieldwork in their home country after completing the course work, leaving about two years for theses writing.

Courses

The organized academic training shall consist of course adding up to not less than 60 credits (ECTS). Depending on the background, PhD candidates might also be required to take some courses at the Masters level prior to formal enrolment in the PhD programme. The doctoral student will in collaboration with the supervisor put together the course package, which is part of the study plan to be approved by the Department.

Most of the PhD course credits are obtained from courses offered by the Department. The following courses are offered regularly:

Course Code	Credits (ECTS)	Course Title	Lecturer
ECN300	10	Applied Econometrics	Olvar Bergland
ECN310	15	Agricultural Market Analysis	Kyrre Rickertsen
ECN450	20	Development Economics: Methods and Policy Anylysis	Stein Holden
ECN451	10	Institutions, Property Rights and Development	Arild Angelsen
ECN470 *	10	Economics of Natural Resources	Olvar Bergland
ECN471 *	10	The Economics of Regulations	Olvar Bergland
PHI100	10	Philosophy of Science and Research Ethics	Frode Kjosavik and TerjeKvilhaug

* Not given every year.

In addition, the course package may include:

Other courses at the 300 level offered by the department.

Intensive PhD courses (normally two weeks) offered on an irregular basis by the department or university.

Relevant courses at 300 or 400 level offered by other departments at AUN, e.g., in statistics.

PhD courses offered by neighbouring universities, e.g., the University of Oslo and the University of Gothenburg (Sweden).

Summer-courses offered through collaboration among Nordic universities (NOVA and NorFA).

Courses taken during a one-term stay abroad.