

Economic statistics

Survey Methodology and
Official Statistics

Responsible: Daniel Thorburn

Autumn semester
2012

Subjects and Lecturers

1. An introduction to national accounts - a statistical view.
Senior Advisor Birgitta Magnusson-Wärmark a.o., SCB
Sept. 4, 6, 13, 25, 27
2. An introduction to index theory.
PhD Martin Ribe, SCB
Sept. 18, 20, Oct. 11, 18
3. Seasonable adjustment
Anders Jäder SCB
Oct. 16
4. Sampling enterprises and other topics
Professor Daniel Thorburn, SU
Oct. 9, 10, 23, 25

Literature

1. National accounts:
Understanding national accounts Chapters 1-5, 10-11. (Buy the book for appr 250 SEK at <http://www.oecdbookshop.org>)
2. Index theory:
Consumer Price Index Manual: Theory and Practice
Chapters 1, 2, 3, 10, 15, 16 and 17. A more detailed list will be handed out at the .rst lecture
3. Practical Guide to Producing Consumer Price Indices (Use for helpful explanations)
4. Seasonal adjustment
Lecture notes (and ?)
5. Sampling enterprises and other topics
SAMU (SAMordnade Urval, Coordinated Samples) and lecture notes

Most literature can be downloaded, see home page

Examination

1. One exam at the end of the course and one reexam in January (end of autumn term).
The exam is in English. Answers in either svenska or English.
The exam consists of 5 questions. Each give at most 20 credits. Hence a maximum of 100 credits is possible.
Examination time is 5 hours.
2. Compulsory Assignments will appear.
(only grades pass or not pass)

Final grade

- To pass the course at least grade E on the exam is required and pass on all assignments
 - A Excellent 90 – 100
 - B Very good 80 – 89
 - C Good 70 – 79
 - D Satisfactory 60 – 69
 - E Adequate 50 – 59
 - Fx Insufficient 30 – 49
 - F Fail – 29
- A given grade E-A can not be upgraded. The grades F-Fx implies that a new exam has to be taken. Complements are not allowed.
- Examiner and coordinator: Daniel Thorburn

Advice

- Start reading in early in the course. You should spend 200 hours on the course, i.e. more than 20 hours a week
- Try to do the exercises in the literature. There are good exercises e.g. the book "Understanding National Accounts".
- Before next Tuesday I want you to hand in solutions to exercises 2 and 5 chapter 1 in UNA, to me .

NA and CPI (in Swedish)

- Press conference NA 1 Q May 30 see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcq2-5YI-ho&feature=youtu.be>
- Press release NA 2 Q see <http://www.scb.se/Pages/PressRelease338400.aspx>
- Press release CPI July see <http://www.scb.se/Pages/PressRelease338588.aspx>