



## COURSE SYLLABUS

# Governance for Sustainability and Responsible Ownership, 7.5 credits

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<b>Course Code:</b>	JGSN18	<b>Education Cycle:</b>	First-cycle level
<b>Confirmed by:</b>	Council for Undergraduate and Masters Education Mar 29, 2018	<b>Disciplinary domain:</b>	Social sciences
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<b>Version:</b>	2	<b>Main field of study:</b>	Business Administration

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## Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

On completion of the course the student will be able to:

### Knowledge and understanding

1. Describe the meaning, forms, and key components of ownership.
2. Describe the meaning, forms, and key components of governance.
3. Explain why responsible governance is needed to achieve corporate sustainability.

### Skills and abilities

3. Compare different forms of responsible governance.
4. Analyze different types of ownership changes and conflicts.
5. Analyze different types of businesses, including the family business as a relevant context for governance for sustainable and responsible ownership.

### Judgement and approach

6. Reflect on the role of the board to create a culture promoting sustainable and responsible ownership.
7. Formulate suggestions for advancing governance practices supporting sustainable and responsible ownership.

## Contents

The course "Governance for Sustainability and Responsible Ownership" introduces students to governance and ownership with perspectives and theories from business administration, law and psychology, and sustainable development. The course provides a broad understanding of governance and ownership so that students can understand its elements, dynamics, and complexities. The course covers the relevant aspects, including:

- Meaning and relevance of governance for sustainable and responsible ownership
- Ownership goals and protection of ownership
- Ownership changes

- Conflicts in ownership
- Governance and boards practices
- Development of responsible owners
- Development of sustainability through corporate governance
- Please note that you should not describe the examination under this heading.

### Connection to Research and Practice

In "Governance for Sustainability and Responsible Ownership" lectures and seminars will connect research with practice through the following activities: i) explore and applying the latest scientific literature on the topics of sustainability governance and responsible ownership; ii) consider different forms of ownership and their impact on sustainability strategy and organizational purpose; and iii) provide learning experiences (e.g., case studies, guest lectures, interaction with the industry, etc.) that help students to develop skills in implementing governance strategies that support long-term collaborative relationships. All the readings for the course are meant to enhance the student's learning and application of sustainability theory and competencies related to different forms of governance and their connection with ownership.

### Type of instruction

The course includes lectures, seminars, guest lectures, and tutoring.

The teaching is conducted in English.

### Prerequisites

60 credits in Business Administration and or Economics (or the equivalent).

### Examination and grades

The course is graded A, B, C, D, E, FX or F.

The course includes both individual and group assessments. The group assessment does not account for more than 50% of the course grade.

*Individual written exam (ILOs: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6) representing 4,5 credits.*

*Group assignments (ILOs: 2, 4, 6, 7) representing 3 credits.*

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Individual written exam <sup>1</sup>	4.5 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F
Group assignments <sup>1</sup>	3 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F

<sup>1</sup> All parts of the compulsory examination in the course must be passed with a passing grade (A-E) before a final grade can be set.

The final grade of the course is determined by the sum total of points for all parts of the examination in the course (0-100 points).

Grade is set in accordance to JIBS grading policy.

### Course evaluation

It is the responsibility of the examiner to ensure that each course is evaluated. There must be course evaluators identified among the students. The evaluation is carried out continuously as well as at the end of the course, through a survey. After the course the course Examiner meets

with student evaluators to discuss the survey results and possible improvements. A summary report is also created. The report is followed up by program directors and discussed with faculty and relevant others (e.g. Associate Dean of Education, Associate Dean of faculty, Director of PhD Candidates, Dean, or Director of Studies). The next time the course runs, students should be informed of any measures taken to improve the course based on the previous course evaluation.

**Other information**

For online classes students must read and comply with the JIBS protocol "Student Participation in a Remote Classroom".

**Academic integrity**

JIBS students are expected to maintain a strong academic integrity. This implies to behave within the boundaries of academic rules and expectations relating to all types of teaching and examination.

Copying someone else's work is a particularly serious offence and can lead to disciplinary action. When you copy someone else's work, you are plagiarizing. You must not copy sections of work (such as paragraphs, diagrams, tables and words) from any other person, including another student or any other author. Cutting and pasting is a clear example of plagiarism. There is a workshop and online resources to assist you in not plagiarizing called the Interactive Anti-Plagiarism Guide.

Other forms of breaking academic integrity include (but are not limited to) adding your name to a project you did not work on (or allowing someone to add their name), cheating on an examination, helping other students to cheat and submitting other students work as your own, and using non-allowed electronic equipment during an examination. All of these make you liable to disciplinary action.

**Course literature**

A list articles will be supplied at the course introduction and in subsequent classes.