

Report of course evaluation Medical Epidemiology, 2020

Number of students: 40

Number of applicants: 49

Number of evaluations: 39

Reasons for attending the course

General interest N=27 (69%)

Required for studies N=12 (31%)

	1: not at all	2: a bit	3: to a large extent	4: very much
Are you content with the course?			16 (41)	23 (59)
Are you content with description of goals?		1 (3)	7 (19)	29 (78)
Are you content with lectures?			19 (49)	20 (51)
Are you content with group exercises?		1 (3)	14 (36)	24 (62)
Did the course yield knowledge of relevance for your research project?		5 (13)	16 (41)	18 (46)
Was the course concluded with an adequate examination?			7 (18)	31 (82)

	1: far too low	2: a bit too low	3: appropriate	4: a bit too advanced	5: far too advanced
Was the course held at a teaching level matching your training?		4 (10)	29 (74)	6 (15)	

	1: too long	2: too short	3: good
Length of the course	1 (3)	9 (23)	29 (74)

	Yes	No
Was the course worth-while?	39 (100)	0

Comment from the course leader

The course was for the first time held via Zoom. We also had an all time high in applications and therefore decided to try to give the course with more participants than usual (we aim at 25 when on campus). I think that 40 is a maximum in this format and still some students commented that they were not comfortable speaking up in such a large group (and the Zoom format also helped with that). Benefits with giving the course online was that it allowed students to connect from different locations both in Sweden (Uppsala, Stockholm, Nyköping, Visby, Falun, Gävle) and elsewhere (Pakistan, Kenya, Tanzania). Students' comments relating to the education in the Zoom format were ranging from 'great' via 'surprisingly well' to 'pretty well' and 'utmanande'. Disadvantages mentioned (and experienced from teachers) is the lack of the more informal conversations and contacts that occur when on campus.

Of those wishing the course to be during one week, 50% would have preferred it on campus and 50% online.

Examples of students' comments regarding lectures

They were high quality information and very well planned.

Very informative and covered a lot

Well organized. Interactive. Adequate time for Q&A

It's great that the lectures are interrupted with breakout room discussions every once in a while

Examples of students' comments regarding something they thought were good

The structure of this course is great and easy follow; The interactions between lecturers and students are also helpful.

The mix with breakout rooms and lectures. The clear structure of the course

The lecturers were clearly very experienced and knowledgeable, but also able to teach difficult concepts to those less experienced.

Examination day.

Examples of students' comments regarding something they thought could be improved

Perhaps a bit more time could be given for group discussion/breakout rooms

It was sometimes too heavy to follow at some point but due to the zoom factor. Regardless, I believe a full week is a good approach rather than have it more spread out.

More exercises about the topics lectured on each day