

To the members of the Board of Studies for Social Data Science and attendees at the meeting. The minutes are published on the [homepage](#).



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Forum Board of Studies of Social Data Science

Meeting held 11 March 2022, 13:30-15:00

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Place 1.2.26

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Present

Members: Søren Kyllingsbæk, Hjalmar Alexander Bang Carlsen, Gregory Eady, Nikolaj Arpe Harmon, Samantha Dawn Breslin, Alysha K. Chamadia, Marilena Hohmann. Felipe Arturo Perilla Reyes, Maja Ellen Hertz and Christian Thomas Nielsen Garcia.

Attendees: Friedolin Merhout (Head of Studies), Amanda Lybke Rasmussen, Hanne Kraak (Study administration), Ditte Marie Arbjerg and Mads Øbro (Student Advisors).

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Absent: Sofie Trappaud Scholl (Student Advisor)

1) Approval of agenda for this meeting and minutes from the last meeting /Søren (5 min.)

Annex 1: Minutes from the Study Board meeting 4 February 2022.

The Study Board approved the agenda for the meeting and the minutes from last meeting.

2) Plan B for exams at campus in spring/summer 2022/Friedolin (5 min.)

Decision: Social Data Science must announce a plan B for exams held at campus during spring semester and summer 2022. Plan B

takes effect if the university is shut down due to COVID-19. The Study Board must approve plan B for Digital Methods.

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Annex 2: Plan B - Digital Methods exam

The Study Board approved plan B for the Digital Methods exam.

3) Revision of the course description co-curricular written assignment/Friedolin (10 min)

Decision: If SDS students take a course at another programme at KU or at another university in Denmark it is no longer possible to have the credits downgraded (e.g. from 10 ECTS to 7,5 ECTS). It can be difficult for students to find electives at 5 ECTS or 2,5 ECTS. The Study Board must approve for students to write a co-curricular assignments at 5 ECTS and 2,5 ECTS (besides the 7,5 ECTS).

Annex 3: Revision of co-curricular assignment

The Study Board (SB) discussed the revision. The SB was concerned about the students learning outcome if the students write a co-curricular assignment of 2,5 ECTS.

The reason why the course description is revised the way it is is because it can help students who find it difficult to end up with exactly 30 ECTS electives.

The SB asked why it is not possible to write a co-curricular assignment of 10 ECTS or 15 ECTS.

The co-curricular written assignment must be seen as a possibility to write an assignment of own choice, however, it must not be bigger than 7,5 ECTS because it must not be the “easy choice”. That is why the student are only allowed to sign up the course once and to write an assignment of maximum 7,5 ECTS.

If a student is in a situation where their only possibility is to write two co-curricular assignments they must apply for an exemption.

The SB approved the revision.

The revision will take effect from September 1, 2022.

4) Approval of revision of the Social Data Analysis exam/Friedolin (10 min)

Annex 4: Revision of Social Data Analysis exam.

Friedolin briefed about the differences between the old and the new description.

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The Study Board asked why the courses SDA and Data Governance were swapped from the first study year to the second. The two courses were swapped due to the intense course Basecamp in the first semester of the programme.

The Study Board discussed whether the exam in SDA should be a group exam or an individual exam. The SB agreed on a group exam.

The study board approved the revision. The revision takes effect from 1 September 2022.

The Study Board also agreed on discussing course organization later in spring semester and how to handle group exams if e.g. one student in a group gets ill or drops out.

5) Discussion of social events for students/Søren (10 min)

The Study Board members and the two students advisors introduced themselves to each other. It is important for the student advisors to know where to blend in.

The SDS students have required more social events. The students have the following suggestions:

- A shared domain/website
- A social club (student organisation)
- A new common room
- Professional speakers

The SDS students have a common room only for SDS students. Unfortunately, the room will be incorporated for the new faculty reception. Søren and Friedolin will talk to Sarah Hagemann (Vice Dean) about a new common room for the SDS students. The SB agreed that the students must count how many students who use the room and how often. The numbers can be used in the discussion with Sarah. In addition the students must write a list of all the qualities the common room has.

The SB discussed how to promote social events in general for students. The students agreed on emails as the best solution.

The student in the SB briefed shortly about their new initiative: They invite all the SDS students for an event before the study board meeting. At the event they present and discuss the agenda for the study board meeting. Afterwards they do other social activities.

6) Briefing on Student Support Fund Applications /Friedolin (10 min)

The study board was briefed about the student support fund applications. Friedolin expects to inform the students who have applied during next week. 60.000 Danish kroner has been given out of 200.000 Danish kroner. The rest of the money will be available for the next round. Some of the applications were out of scope e.g. salary for a job and material for one student.

In this round Maja has been helpful to evaluate the applications together with Søren. Next time a new student will be needed for the work. The workload is about an hour.

7) Briefing and discussions on electives:

- Electives Across SAMF

- SDS Electives for SAMF /Friedolin (15 min)

Annex 7: List of the electives other SAMF departments officially open that seems to be relevant for SDS.

The Study Board was briefed about electives across SAMF:

- The annex shows a list of electives other SAMF departments open and which seem relevant for SDS students. The list does not yet include courses from Anthropology. After the meeting Friedolin will send out an updated list to the Study Board incl. the anthropology courses. If the Study Board approves the list it means that SDS students can sign up for the courses on the list without applying for a pre-approval and credit transfer.
- SDS plans to offer Data Governance and ASDS II as electives for other SAMF students.

The Study Board asked whether it was possible to make a similar list for elective outside of SAMF/KU. Unfortunately it is not possible due to lack of resources and administrative challenges. If SDS students want to take electives outside of SAMF/KU they must still apply for a pre-approval and credit transfer.

8) AOB/Søren (5 min.)

The Study Board asked whether it was possible for a SDS student to apply for math courses at bachelor level e.g. in the USA. Right now only courses at master level on 4th year courses at the bachelor level can be approved. The study board asked if they could change that. The administration will examine that.

The Study Board was informed that the teaching plan for next study year is almost ready. At the next meeting the Study Board must talk about the teaching schedule.

9) Introduction to the boards work with exemptions /Hanne Kraak (10 min)

Hanne gave the Study Board an introduction to the work with exemptions.

Social Data Science is a new programme which means that almost all exemptions will be handled at the study board. When there is precedent it is possible for the Study Board to delegate a case to the administration.

After the meeting Hanne will send a document with all the exemption rules. Unfortunately all the legal material is in Danish. The Study Board is always welcome to ask Hanne if they have questions.

If students have questions on how to apply for an exemption or when they can apply they can always talk to the student advisors at SAMF or look at KUnet for more information.

10) Decision about exemptions (closed point) /Hanne Kraak (10 min.)

Annexes: Distributed at the meeting