

Project plan

Tablets as Tools

- added value through mobile learning?



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Project	Tablets as Tools – added value through mobile learning?
Subprojects (subproject plans to be drawn up later)	<p>Extended cooperation between the Faculty of Social Sciences' programmes and library</p> <p>Professional development for librarians at the Faculty of Social Sciences</p> <p><i>Each participating department creates its own subproject; this project plan will thus be completed subsequently.</i></p>
<p>Modern technology changes the conditions for all education. To work purposefully with tablets is a way of increasing the skills of students, lecturers and librarians in handling new technology and discovering new possibilities. We should work actively in such a way as to increase our appeal and attract new students to our programmes.</p> <p>The library of the Faculty of Social Sciences is developing cooperation with lecturers and students in which we investigate how we can work with new technology and discover new educational opportunities.</p> <p>The library is responsible for the overall project organisation covered by this project plan. Each department at the Faculty of Social Sciences is invited to take part. The departments will work in different ways, on the basis of their own objectives.</p> <p>The library actively coordinates and maintains close contact with at least one appointed contact person in each participating department/unit, e.g. a course director. The library monitors external developments in the field and disseminates information among the various agents in the project. A blog, a facebook group and a Libguide are set up and function as meeting places and discussion forums for all those involved.</p> <p>LDC provides the services of a technician who manages the purchase and administration of hardware and support to the project participants and the contact people at the departments. Before the tablets are purchased, the library contacts the legal division to establish the rules to be followed by the students who will be using the tablets.</p>	
Project idea	To develop the skills of students, lecturers and librarians with regard to digital learning environments and mobile devices.
Commissioner	The board of the library of the Faculty of Social Sciences
Project manager	Ellen Fall (Social Sciences Library), ellen.fall@sambib.lu.se
Steering group	Karin Jönsson (Social Sciences Library), Ola Uddefors (LDC), Tomas Bergström (Department of Political Science), Jacob Dexe (Social Sciences Student Union)
Reference group	Faculty of Social Sciences Group for Directors of Studies
Project group	Contact librarians at the Social Sciences Library, student representative(s) and a technician from LDC

Aims	<p>To elicit curiosity and increase interest in the programmes at the Faculty of Social Sciences.</p> <p>To investigate new educational possibilities.</p> <p>To broaden the cooperation between lecturers, librarians and IT technicians.</p> <p>To acquire knowledge on the use of information resources in mobile devices.</p> <p>To acquire knowledge on how new technology can be used in campus-based and distance learning.</p>
Impact goals	<p>The programmes at the departments are more appealing and attractive.</p> <p>Increased flexibility in educational methods.</p> <p>Increased understanding across professional boundaries of how the work of lecturers and librarians contributes to quality in education.</p> <p>Increased knowledge of new technology for lecturers, students and librarians</p> <p>Increased use of e-resources.</p> <p>More knowledge of how the library's e-resources are used in practice through an increase in their use by students and lecturers.</p> <p>Lecturers, students, librarians and IT technicians have investigated and/or developed new (educational) methods that can positively affect intelligence work, tuition and learning.</p>
Delivery goals	<p>The participating departments have selected suitable courses and purchased iPads which are distributed to the students.</p> <p>The participating departments have appointed (at least) one contact person who maintains close contact with the library/project manager.</p> <p>The library has created a Libguide for the entire project which functions as FAQ and meeting place. The Libguide contains up-to-date information on things such as technological developments, teaching and apps as well as contact information and other practical information. The guide is used by lecturers, students and librarians.</p> <p>There is (in cooperation with the Lund University Libraries network) a Libguide with FAQs on e-books and how to use them as well as a Libguide focusing on technology, hardware and software.</p> <p>The library has organised ongoing workshops/seminars during the project period to promote cooperation between the departments, to inspire discussions on teaching methods and increase knowledge about the library's resources.</p> <p>The library has offered specially adapted teaching about information management, e.g. source criticism and information searching, to all students in the project.</p>

Delimitations	<p>The project covers the programmes of the Faculty of Social Sciences and its library.</p> <p>iPads will be used.</p> <p>The project will run from the Spring Semester 2012 to the summer of 2013 and will be reported on in autumn 2013.</p> <p>Cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project manager, 50% • Technician, 25% • Tablets, approx SEK 4 000 – 5 000/unit • Possible server solution, approx SEK 30 000
Risks <i>Measures/ alternatives</i>	<p>No departments/units select courses on which tablets are distributed. <i>The library cooperates with individual interested lecturers.</i></p> <p>Problems with the use of course literature in e-format due to a lack of standardised supplier platforms. <i>The library works to make LU's agreements user-centred, and has current information on when conditions change.</i></p> <p>Participants do not set aside enough time for cooperation. <i>The project is supported at the department, library and LDC management level.</i></p>

[Timetable, see separate document]