**What may count as a credit bearing seminar, journal club and/or academic workshop at the department of LIME?**

A doctoral student applies for credits on form 16 “Reporting credit-bearing activities”; together with attached documentation verifying the doctoral student’s *active participation* in the seminar (i.e. research seminar, journal club and/or academic workshop), and an approximation of the number of hours that the doctoral student has participated, signed by the principal supervisor or person(s) responsible for the activity. The director of doctoral education makes the decision whether the application should be approved or not.

Please also note that:

* A minimum of 1.5 credits for seminars is mandatory. 1.5 credits are equivalent to 40 hours work, including participation and preparation time. According to the general syllabus it is possible to get 1 - 1.5 credits for seminars per term (maximum 6 credits).
* It is important that the seminar is of relevance to the doctoral student’s research subject or medical science in general, e.g. scientific methods, philosophy of science, research ethics.
* It is also important that the seminar invites many people for it to be a credit-bearing activity. A discussion between only the doctoral student and the supervisors is not to be counted as a credit-bearing seminar.
* Workplace meetings - concerning for instance work environment - is not to be counted as credit-bearing seminars.
* Sometimes (but not often) doctoral students are promised credits for participating in a “course” that lacks examination and a syllabus. Such a “course” is not actually a course according to KI rules, and it will therefore not be possible to get credits for such a “course” as a course. However, if it is reasonable to say that the “course” could be considered as a series of research seminars, journal clubs or academic workshops, it may be possible to get credits for active participation in seminars.
* It is also possible that some of the work for the department could be counted as credit-bearing seminars. For instance, participation as a doctoral student representative in the Board for Doctoral Education at LIME (FUN), and participation in academic activities implemented by LIME Doctoral Student Council.
* For more information concerning seminars and credits, contact the director of doctoral education at LIME: per.palmgren@ki.se

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