

STACK-tests in Mathematics 1

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Who am I?

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- Live in Stockholm
- I am Swedish



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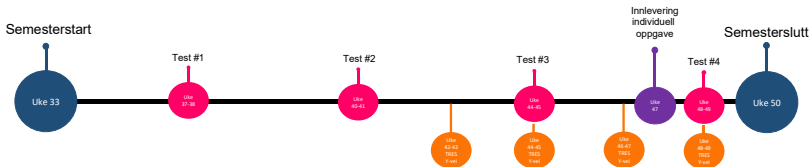
Semester plan (L. A. Løfhaugen, UiA)



Timesplan for Samordna Opptak prøve #1
Aust C2 036

Uke 37	Mao 12/9	Tors 13/9	Ono 14/9	Tors 15/9
14:15 - 15:15		Foreløp #1 Data		
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- 1 How does research in mathematics education influence first year university courses in mathematics?
- 2 How do first year mathematics courses influence research in mathematics education?

- Thank you for listening!
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