



Linnéuniversitetet

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Kursplan

Fakultetsnämnden för humaniora och samhällsvetenskap
Institutionen för samhällsvetenskaper

1SH130 Global Issues I, 30 högskolepoäng

Global issues I, 30 credits

Huvudområde

Sociologi

Ämnesgrupp

Samhällskunskap

Nivå

Grundnivå

Fördjupning

GIN

Fastställande

Fastställd av Organisationskommittén 2009-12-10

Kursplanen gäller från och med höstterminen 2010

Förkunskaper

Grundläggande behörighet. Students intending to study the full program are required to have been admitted to the program.

International students (semester course or single subject course) are required to have a basic eligibility and a good command of English.

Förväntade studieresultat

After completing this semester, participants should be able:

- to read and comprehend introductory textbooks on global issues;
- to comprehend the theoretical and empirical notions of global issues, in particular issues such as globalization, democratization, international law and international organizations;
- to discuss and define these issues as concepts and phenomenons;
- and to identify these global issues in our contemporary world.

Innehåll

Course 1: Perspectives on Globalization, 7.5hp. (7.5 ECTS)

Globalization has become a key concept and a whole explanatory dimension in the Social Sciences in recent years. This is in part due to the increasing exchanges of economic, political, and cultural life across nation-state, city and community boundaries. The class explores the process of globalization under different economical, political and cultural perspectives. It analyzes the nature of the contemporary global changes and their dividing and uniting forces. Students will discuss the impact of globalization on development, the evolution of the international system and the nation state, perceptions of security and human rights as well as its social consequences and the creation of a globalized culture.

Course 2: Democratization in the World, 7.5hp. (7.5 ECTS)

The main objective of the course is to introduce concepts, theoretical perspectives and empirical findings within the research on democratization. The course begins with a discussion on core concepts, definitions and theories that frames the research on democratization. This discussion includes democracy as political rights and civil liberties, democratization as phenomenon, process and phases and identified favorable and unfavourable factors to democratization in the world. The second part of the course explores historical and contemporary trends of democatization in the world.

Course 3: International Law, 7.5hp. (7.5 ECTS)

The scope and purpose of this course is to introduce the central, basic and elementary knowledge of international law. The course provides an introduction to the system of principles, norms, institutions and procedures of international law. The following themes and topics of international law will be explored: historical development of international law and its relevance in present world order; theories and subjects of international law; sources of international law and states, international organizations and individuals in international law.

Course 4: Transformations of the World Economy, 7.5hp. (7.5 ECTS)

The economy is central in understanding the transformations of the world. The politics of economy is trying to come to grips with issues such as inflation, unemployment, trade, welfare promotion, poverty, external shocks such as financial crises, recession, energy supply, environmental problems and the alike. The course will discuss the role(s) the economy and the market plays in relation to the state and civil society in the transformations of the world. In this course we will discuss varieties of capitalism and welfare systems, political aspects of the workings of economy and raise questions of world economic order and the transformations of the world economy.

Undervisningsformer

The teaching methods consists of lectures, seminars and other assignments. Participation in seminars is required.

Examinationsformer

Kursen bedöms med betygen Underkänd, Godkänd eller Väl godkänd.

Your active participation in class, in addition to your results in oral and written exams, will be assessed. Students that have failed to pass the exams have the right to a re-exam.

Kursvärdering

Efter kursen genomförs en muntlig eller skriftlig utvärdering. Resultatet återkopplas till studenterna.

Övrigt

Kursen ges på engelska.

Kurslitteratur och övriga läromedel

Perspectives on Globalization

Scholte, Jan Aart

Globalization; A Critical Introduction. Palgrave. 2005. 600 s

Stiglitz, Joseph E.

Globalization and its Discontents. Norton. 2003. 150 s

Articles provided by the School of Social Sciences or via Internet databases 200 s

Democratization in the World

Christian Haerpfer (ed)

Democratization (2009) Oxford University Press 360 s

Richard L. Millett, Jennifer S. Holmes & Orlando J. Pérez (eds)

Latin American Democracy: Emerging Reality or Endangered Species? (2008) New York: Routledge 280 s

Articles provided via Växjö University Library Internet databases 250 s

International law

Malanczuk, Peter

Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law. Routledge. 2003. 400 s

Legal texts and articles provided by the School of Social Sciences or via Internet databases. 300 s

Transformations of the World Economy

Dasgupta P

A Very Short Introduction to Economics. Oxford University Press, 2007. (172 s)

B. Smart Economy, Culture and Society. 2003, Open University, Philadelphia. (188 s)

Articles provided by the School of Social Sciences or via Internet databases (300 s)