



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Media and Journalism

1JO204 Journalistik och samhälle, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Journalism and Society, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Journalism

Subject Group

Journalism

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved 2009-06-22

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2018

Prerequisites

Journalism 1–30 credits:

- 1JO101 Basic Journalism, 7.5 credits
- 1JO102 Interviewing and Writing, 7.5 credits
- 1JO104 Journalism about Legal and Governmental Issues,

15 credits or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing the course, the students should be able to:

- describe and explain the political system and ideologies in Sweden from a journalistic perspective,
- describe and explain the European Union and Sweden's role in it from a journalistic perspective,
- evaluate journalism related to research on the role of journalism in society, locally, regionally and globally.

Content

This course discusses social, cultural and political aspects of the role of journalism in society from national and international perspectives.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lectures, seminars and exercises.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

The course is examined through written assignments and seminars. In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must achieve the objectives. Grading criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction will be specified when the course starts. For students who do not pass the first examinations, retake examinations are provided in accordance with local regulations at the university.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is conducted and compiled in accordance with regulations at Linnaeus University. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are communicated to the students who have taken the course and the students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time. The evaluation is anonymous. The course evaluation is filed according to departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

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Bäck, Henry, Erlingsson, Gissur & Larsson, Torbjörn (2015): *Den svenska politiken – Strukturer, processer och resultat*. Stockholm: Liber. 344 p.

Cottle, Simon (the latest edition): *Global Crisis Reporting. Journalism in the Global Age*. Maidenhead: McGrawHill. 199 p.

Dimitrova, Daniela V., & Strömbäck, Jesper (2012). *Election News in Sweden and the United States: A Comparative Study of Sources and Media Frames*. *Journalism*, 13 (5), 604–619. Available for download through the university library.

Esser, Frank, Strömbäck, Jesper & de Vreese, Claes (2012). *Reviewing Key Concepts in Research on Political News Journalism: Conceptualizations, Operationalizations, and Propositions for Future Research*. *Journalism*, 13(2), 139–143. Available for download through the university library.

Heft, Anette, Brigitte Alfter, Barbara Pfetsch (2017) *Transnational journalism networks as drivers of Europeanisation*, in *Journalism*, May 2017. 20 p. Available for download through the university library.