



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Media and Journalism

1JO504 Att journalistiskt granska och skildra samhället, 15 högskolepoäng

1JO504 Describing Society as a Journalist, 15 credits

Main field of study

Journalism

Subject Group

Journalism

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2022

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and Civics 1b / 1a1 +1a2 or Civics A, English B (Field-specific entry requirements 6/A6).

Objectives

After completing the course, the student should be able to

- account for the possibilities and conditions of local and political and societal focused journalism, and how these have changed over time
- describe and critically approach the role of local journalism in a democracy
- account for and apply basic legal and ethical principles guiding journalistic work
- account for how the principles of public access to information and secrecy are applied in journalistic work
- make use of archives, records and databases in order to investigate authorities and administration
- use journalistic methods in order to produce investigative journalistic material for printing as well as publishing on the web, including text and images.

Content

This course is an introduction to practical political and societal focused journalism. It conveys knowledge about the special conditions and challenges of local journalism and problematises the societal role of journalism, based on its changed circumstances. The course includes doing research and using databases, records and archives in order to investigate authorities, the judicial system and administration, as well as to describe societal events. The course furthermore includes production of journalistic projects describing society, based on the student's own research, as well as application of journalistic principles for source criticism and evaluation of news. The course takes a legal and ethical approach to research and publication.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes the form of lectures, exercises and seminars.

Examination

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

In order to receive the grade of pass, the student must achieve the objectives. Grading criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction are specified in writing when the course starts.

The course is examined through hand-in assignments, a take-home exam and journalistic productions.

If the university has decided that a student is entitled to special pedagogical support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to give a customised exam or to have the student conduct the exam in an alternative way. Repeat examination is offered in accordance with *Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University*.

Course Evaluation

During or shortly after the course, a course evaluation should be conducted. The result and analysis of the course evaluation should be promptly communicated to the students who have taken the course. Students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time should be informed of the result at the course introduction. The course evaluation is anonymous.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Allern, Sigurd & Pollack, Ester (2019). *Källkritik! Journalistik i lögnens tid*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN: 9789144126760. (346 p.)

Citron, Britt-Marie, Carlquist, Peder och Hjelmgren, Nina (red.) (2014.) *Gräva och granska - tips och inspiration för journalister*. Stockholm. Morfem förlag. ISBN: 9789198092233. p. 29–51 (22 pages.) PDF on MyMoodle.

Funcke, Nils (2019). *Att publicera - Etik och juridik för journalister och publicister*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN: 9789144123264. p. 393–403, 443–445. (12 pages.) PDF on MyMoodle.

Funcke, Nils (2019). *Offentlighetsprincipen - Praktik och teori*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN: 9789144132822. p. 43–96, 119–206. (140 pages.)

Gustavsdotter, Jeanette (2019). *Journalistikens lagar : om medierätt, etik och att hitta fakta*. Stockholm: Morfem förlag. ISBN: 9789188419170. (214 pages.)

Häger, Björn (2014 - or later). *Reporter. En grundbok i journalistik*. Stockholm: Norstedts. ISBN: 9789144095868. p. 143–204, 328–330 (63 pages.)

Lidblom, Olle. (2020). *Journalistikens finansiering 2019 i Mediastudiers årsbok. Tillståndet för journalistiken 2019/2020*. Stockholm: Institutet för mediastudier. ISBN:

9789198498271. p. 105–117. (13 pages).<https://mediestudier.se/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Journalistikens-finansiering-2019.pdf>

Nygren, Gunnar. (2020). *Bättre för det lokala – men ökad osäkerhet på sikt i Mediestudiers årsbok. Tillståndet för journalistiken 2019/2020*. Stockholm: Institutet för mediestudier. ISBN: 9789198498271. p. 9-15. (6 pages).<https://mediestudier.se/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Battre-for-det-lokala-men-okad-osakerhet-pa-sikt.pdf>

Nygren, Gunnar & Tenor, Carina (2019). Vita fläckar och svarta hål i det lokala medielandskapet i Nygren, Gunnar & Wadbring, Ingela, *På väg mot medievärlden 2030*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN: 9789144125060. Chapter 10. p. 211–232. (21 pages.)

Nygren, Gunnar & Tenor, Carina (2020) *Lokal journalistik. Nära nyheter i en global värld*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN 9789144123929. 286 pages.

Spelregler för press, tv och radio:

www.sjf.se/yrkesfragor/etik/spelreglerforpressradioochtv

Wadbring, Ingela & Jangdal, Lottie (2019) *Journalistikens innehåll* i Nygren, Gunnar & Wadbring, Ingela (eds) *På väg mot medievärlden 2030*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN: 9789144125060. Chapter 9. p. 189–209. (20 pages.)

Ward, Stephen J. A. (2019). *Journalism Ethics in Wahl-Jorgensen, Karin & Hanitzsch, Thomas Handbook of Journalism Studies*. New York: Routledge. ISBN: 9781138052895. Chapter 20. p. 307–323 (16 pages.) PDF on MyMoodle.

von Krogh, Torbjörn. (2019). *Ansvar och etiken utmanas online* in Nygren, Gunnar & Wadbring, Ingela, *På väg mot medievärlden 2030*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN: 9789144125060. Chapter 12. p. 259–285. (26 pages.)

Compendium:

Current academic articles – available on the course webpage a month before the course starts. (ca 75 pages.)

In addition to this, a collection of useful links will be published on the course webpage a month before the course starts.