



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Social Studies

1SH150 Globala frågor I, 30 högskolepoäng
Global Issues I, 30 credits

Main field of study

Sociology

Subject Group

Sociology

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

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Date of Ratification

Approved 2014-10-29

Revised 2018-05-23 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Changes in the course literature in module 4.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2018

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Objectives

Upon course completion the student shall be able to:

- analyze, contrast and compare different perspectives on global issues,
- comprehend the theoretical and empirical notions of global issues, in particular issues such as globalization, democratization, international law and in the transformations of the world economy,
- discuss and define these issues as concepts and phenomena, and
- identify global issues in our contemporary world.

Content

The course consist of four modules.

Module 1 Perspectives on Globalization 7.5 credits

Globalization has become a key concept and a whole explanatory dimension in Social Sciences in recent years. This is in part due to increasing exchanges within the economic, political, and cultural life in the world. The students will explore the process of globalization under various economical, political and cultural perspectives. Furthermore, analyses of the nature of the contemporary global changes and their dividing and uniting forces will be carried out. The impact of globalization on development, the evolution of the international system and the nation state, the evolution of democracy, the pursuit of

human rights, the social consequences of globalization and the creation of a globalized culture will be discussed.

Module 2 Democratization in the World 7.5 credits

The main objective of the course is to introduce concepts, theoretical perspectives and empirical findings of research on democratization. The module 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 a phenomena, process and phases and identified favourable and unfavourable factors to democratization in the world. The second part of the module explores historical and contemporary trends of democratization in the world.

Module 3 International Law 7.5 credits

The purpose of this module is to introduce central, basic and elementary knowledge of international law. The module 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.

Module 4 Transformations of the world economy 7.5 credits

The economy is central in understanding the transformations of the world. Political economy deals with issues such as inflation, unemployment, trade, welfare promotion, poverty, external shocks such as financial crises, recession, energy supply, and environmental problems. The module 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 module 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.

Type of Instruction

Tutoring consists of lectures, seminars and other assignments. Participation in seminars is mandatory.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

Active participation in class, in addition to results in oral and written exams, will be assessed.

Grade A is the highest grade and all other grades follow a falling scale in which grade E is the lowest grade to pass the course. A grade F means that the student has failed the course. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

Students who have failed the course (in other words, got an F) during the ordinary course examination date will receive the opportunity to go through an additional examination shortly after the ordinary course examination date.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of Linnaeus University. The compilation is delivered to the programme council, as well as to the teacher of the course. The next time the course is given the students are informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any changes that have been made in the course. The course evaluation is conducted anonymous.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 1SH130, credit overlap 30 credits

Other

The course is taught in English and a good command of the English language is required.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

List of references Module 1 - Perspectives on Globalization 7.5 credits

Baldwin, R. (latest edition). *The great convergence: Information technology and the new globalization*: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 301 pp.

Franklin, D., & Andrews, J. (Eds.). (latest edition). *Megachange: The world in 2050*, London: Profile Books, selected topics, 157 pp out of 277.

Goldin, I., & Mariathasan, M. (Eds.). (latest edition). *The Butterfly Defect: How Globalization creates systemic risks, and what to do about it* (First edition. ed.). Princeton: Princeton University Press. 192 pp out of 285.

List of references Module 2 - Democratization in the World 7.5 credits

Grugel, Jean and Matthew L. Bishop (latest edition). *Democratization: a critical introduction* (2nd Edition). London: Palgrave Macmillan. 350 pages.

Huntington, Samuel P. (latest edition). *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press. 340 pages.

Articles (to be downloaded via the LNU-library). 200 pages.

List of references Module 3 - International Law 7.5 credits

Dixon, Martin (latest edition). *Textbook on International Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (432 p)

Dixon, Martin; McCorquodale, Robert; Williams, Sarah (latest edition). *Cases & Materials on International Law*. Oxford, Oxford University Press (800 p)

Texts and articles provided by the Department of Political Science or by Internet. (600 p.)

List of references Module 4 - Transformations of the world economy 7.5 credits

Bandelj, Nina. & Sowers, Elizabeth (latest edition). *Economy and state: a sociological perspective*, Polity, Cambridge. 245 p.

Frieden, Jeffrey A. (latest edition). *Global capitalism: its fall and rise in the twentieth century*. 1. ed. New York: W.W. Norton. 556 p.

Garland, David (latest edition). *The welfare state: a very short introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 153 p.

Ravenhill, John (ed.) (latest edition). *Global Political Economy*, 4th edition, Oxford University Press. 466 p.

Therborn, Göran (latest edition). *The killing fields of inequality*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 212 p.

Articles provided by the School of Social Sciences or via Internet databases (100 p)