



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Science

1SK136 Tematisk fördjupning: uthållig demokrati och samhällsstyrning, 7,5 högskolepoäng

1SK136 Independent Study Course: Sustainable Democracy and Governance, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2020-04-29

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2021

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- independently define and analyse a political science research problem within the field of sustainable democracy and governance in a scientific study,
- critically discuss their own study as well as that of other students.

Content

The student shall conduct a study within the field of political science and present this in the form of a thesis. The subject of the study is chosen in consultation with the supervisor and the work is conducted under the supervision by a teacher. The student shall choose a subject that enables them to conduct a specialised study within the scope of issues on sustainable democracy and governance. The subject of the thesis shall thus relate to issues on how the institutions and actors of society may handle different kinds of problems and opposing interests in a democratic and sustainable manner over time.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of supervision, lectures and seminars.

Examination

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

Grade A represents the highest grade, and the subsequent grades follow in descending order, where grade E is the lowest grade that qualifies as a Pass. A grade of F means that the student's performance is assessed as Fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is permitted to supplement his/her examination. The course is assessed by the grades of A-F as per the above.

Examination takes place by means of conducting a study that shall be presented in the form of a thesis. The student must also in seminars critically discuss their own study as well as that of other students.

In order to receive a grade of E in the course, all the examinations and intended learning outcomes of the course must be fulfilled. To be awarded a final grade of D-A in the course, it is required that the grading criteria are fulfilled based on a weighted assessment of the grades for all the examination assignments.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 1SK132 7.5 credits.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Becker, Howard S. & Pamela Richards. (Latest edition). *Writing for Social Scientists: How to Start and Finish Your Thesis, Book, or Article*. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 197 p.

Lipson, Charles. (Latest edition). *How to write a BA Thesis: A Practical Guide from Your First Ideas to Your Finished Paper*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 402 p.

Literature for the thesis is chosen in consultation with the supervisor.