Linnæus University

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Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

1SK149 Offentlig korruption, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Political corruption, 7.5 credits

Main field of study
Political Science

Subject Group
Political Science

Level of classification
First Level

Progression
G1F

Date of Ratification
Approved 2014-10-01
Revised 2016-11-02 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Revision of literature
The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2017

Prerequisites
A minimum of 30 ECTS credits in Political science, or 60 ECTS credits in other related social science subjects.

Objectives

On successful completion of the module, the student should be able to:

- Outline and define key concepts and identify important methodological issues in the study of corruption
- Describe potential causes of corruption and its impact on contemporary democracies
- Critically discuss ethics in public administration
- Identify a problem concerning corruption in public administration and independently analyse this

Content

During the last 20 years issues of corruption and ethics in public administration have received increased attention by governments, media, and non-governmental organisations. The access to quantitative measurements of corruption has also encouraged more research. This module will focus on empirical and theoretical studies of corruption and ethics and explore issues such as: How can corruption be effectively assessed and measured? What is the impact of corruption on public administration, political legitimacy and stability? How can ethical approaches in public administration be maintained. How effective are dominant approaches to promote ethical conduct and avoid corruption and abuse of power?

Type of Instruction
Teaching consists of lectures, seminars and tutorials.

Examination
The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.
The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that will result in a pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as fail. Fx is formally not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination. To receive pass (E or higher) the student should reach all the course objectives. Students who have not passed (i.e. received the grade of F) at the regular examination will be offered a new examination shortly after the regular examination. Examination consists of essay authoring and written assignment and verbal seminar discussion. More detailed criteria for assessment are available at the start of the course.

Course Evaluation
A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of Linnaeus University. The result of the evaluation will be reported back to students and will also be communicated the next time the course is held.

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:1SK185 and 1SK131.

Other
Grade criteria for the A–F scale are communicated to the student through a special document. The student is to be informed about the grade criteria for the course by the start of the course at the latest.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material
Required readings
Anechiarico, Frank & James B Jacobs (latest edition). *The pursuit of absolute integrity: how corruption control makes government ineffective*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 274 pages.

Bergh, Andreas, Erlingsson, Gissur Ó., Sjölin, Mats, & Öhrvall, Richard (latest edition). A Clean House? Studies of Corruption in Sweden. Lund: Nordic Academic Press, 160 s.

Heywood, Paul (latest edition). *Routledge handbook of political corruption*, Abingdon: Routledge, 366 pages.

Johnston, Michael (latest edition). *Syndromes of Corruption: Wealth, Power, and Democracy*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 266 page.

Lawton, Alan, Julie Rayner & Karin Lasthuizen (latest edition). *Ethics and management in the public sector*, Abingdon: Routledge, 196 pages.

Additional scientific journal articles provided by the department, amounting to approximately 100 pages.