Linnæus University

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Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

2SK302 Samhällsvetenskapliga metoder II, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Social Scientific Methods II, 7.5 credits

Main field of study
Political Science

Subject Group
Political Science

Level of classification
First Level

Progression
G2F

Date of Ratification
Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2018-06-20
The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2019

Prerequisites
Political Science I, 30 credits and Political Science II, 30 credits, or equivalent.

Objectives
Upon completion of the module, the student shall be able to:

- explain, compare and critically evaluate social scientific methods as case studies, comparative methods, text-analytical methods and statistical methods,
- use these methods to independently process material relating to political science, and
- explain the ethical principles of research.

Content
The course provides general in-depth knowledge of social scientific methods as well as skills in the application of case studies, comparative methods, textual analysis and statistical methods. In the module, the focus is on issues of research ethics.

Type of Instruction
The instruction comprises lectures and seminar exercises.

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 classed as a Fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is permitted to supplement his/her examination.

In order to be awarded a Pass grade for the course, it is necessary to achieve the learning outcomes of the course. Grading criteria for the AF scale will be communicated to the student via a separate document by no later than at the beginning of the course.

The outcomes of the course are assessed by means of four written assignments.

Course Evaluation

A written course evaluation will be conducted at the end of the course. The results are issued to the students who have completed the course and are also presented (together with any measures that have been taken) to the next intake of students. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Bennet, Andrew & George, Alexander (latest edition). *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences.* Cambridge: MIT Press (330 p).

Bergström, Göran & Boréus, Karin (latest edition). *Textens mening och makt: metodbok i samhällsvetenskaplig text och diskursanalys.* Lund: studentlitteratur (460 p).

Djurfeldt, Göran, Larsson, Rolf, Stjärnhagen, Ola (latest edition). *Statistisk verktygslåda: samhällsvetenskaplig orsaksanalys med kvantitativa metoder.* Lund: Studentlitteratur (500 p).

Esaiasson, Peter, Gilljam, Mikael Oscarsson, Henrik och Wängnerud, Lena (latest edition). *Metodpraktikan. Konsten att studera samhälle, individ och marknad.* Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik (460 p).

Wahlgren, Lars (latest edition). *SPSS steg för steg.* Lund: Studentlitteratur (151 p).