Linnæus University



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Science

2SK404 Praktikarbete, 30 högskolepoäng 2SK404 Internship, 30 credits

Subject Group Political Science

Level of classification First Level

Progression G2F

Date of Ratification Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2023-06-12 The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2024

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and a minimum of 90 credits within the scope of the European Studies Programme (180 credits), International Politics Studies Specialisation Political Analysis, the Political Science Programme (180 credits) or Sustainable Democracy and Governance (180 credits), or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- explain the activities, objectives, organisation and management of the placement,
- describe their own work tasks and how these are related to the activities at the placement,
- reflect critically on the connection between the content of the programme and the activities at the placement.

Content

The course entails that internship is carried out within the public or private sector or voluntary organisations in Sweden or abroad. The aim is to provide an insight into the organisation, objectives and management of a workplace. The student participates in the daily work at the placement by the support of a placement supervisor. The tasks give the student the opportunity to use and develop the knowledge and skills previously acquired during the programme. The student will also complete a written assignment in the form of an internship report as a part of the course. The course literature is an important part of the course with respect to completing the written assignment and also

as a tool for the understanding of and reflection on their own internship and the organisation in which the internship takes place.

Type of Instruction

The student works for at least 15 weeks at a placement and performs the work duties with which he/she is assigned by the placement supervisor. The student shall also apply for and plan their own placement. Throughout the entire process, from application to examination, the student is also assigned a supervisor at the University.

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 their examination. For students who do not pass the scheduled test (i.e. they receive a grade of F), a new test will be arranged close to the scheduled examination date.

Examination takes place by means of a written assignment. In order to receive a grade of E, it is required that all the intended learning outcomes have been fulfilled. Information about the grading criteria for the A-F scale is given in a separate document.

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: 2SH330 Internship, 30 credits and 2SK400 Internship, 30 credits.

Other

The students apply for their own placements, but the programme coordinator must approve the choice of placement. Possible placements are given on the joint course page for the programmes, in the virtual learning environment.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Lindkvist, Lars & Frode Backa, Jörgen & Fivelstad, Eskil (latest edition). *Organisationsteori: struktur, kultur, processer*. Malmö: Liber. (344 p.)

Articles may also be included, comprising approximately 100 pages.