



Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics

Department of Organisation and Entrepreneurship

4FE093 Public Management, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Public Management, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Business Administration

Subject Group

Business Administration

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by School of Business and Economics 2014-10-01

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2015

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for second level and specific entry requirements: A minimum of 90 credits in Business Administration and English B/English 6 or the equivalent.

Objectives

After finished course, the student is expected to be able to:

- describe and critically discuss theories about public organizations
- account for characteristic of public organizations
- critically discuss the fact of being publicly employed
- critically discuss changes in and of public organizations
- make inferences about the effects of reformation in public organizations
- in cooperation with other students apply theoretical knowledge, identify and analyze dilemmas that arise in practice in public organizations

Content

The course is about organization in and control of public organizations, especially with focus on differences and similarities between public and private organizations. This include the following moments:

- theories about public organizations
- identifying characteristics of public organizations
- development tendenses in public organizations
- control mechanisms in public organizations and there effects
- differences and similarities between being publicly and privately employed
- problems and challenges with public organizations

Type of Instruction

The course consists of lectures, seminars and written reports. Active participation at seminars where papers are treated and presented is required. Obligatory parts are stated in the schedule.

Examination

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

The grade is based on assessment of individually written course papers and a group assignment and the student's ability to present and discuss report contents. Preparation for and participation in assignments and seminars is mandatory.

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.

After each regular examination there will be at least one new examination in close proximity to the date the results of the regular exam were posted. A minimum of five occasions for written exams will be offered in relation to the syllabus to which the student was accepted. Usually three occasions per academic year are offered. Students that fail reports can complement after instructions from the examiner to obtain a pass grade.

Grading criteria for the A–F scale are communicated in writing to the student by the start of the course/module at the latest, as well as how grades on separate elements of examination are weighed to a final course grade.

Course Evaluation

A written course evaluation is carried out and compiled in a report, which is archived at the faculty. The results and possible measures taken are communicated by the course coordinator and presented to the students the next time the course is given, or in another way deemed suitable by the course coordinator. Other types of course evaluations, for example regular evaluations throughout the course or discussions with students, will be included and encouraged with the aim of ensuring continuous quality development.

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: The course overlaps 4FE030 with 7.5 credits.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Lynn, L. *Public Management: Old and New*. New York, NY: Routledge. Latest edition. 230 pages.

March, J. G. & Olsen J. P. *Rediscovering Institutions: The Organizational Basis of Politics*. New York: Free Press. Latset edition. 230 pages.

Compendium containing scientific articles and book excerpts. About 200 pages.

Compendium containing scientific articles and book excerpts. About 500 pages.