



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Social Studies

4FU418 Policyprocesser, genomförande och utvärdering, 7,5
högskolepoäng

Policy processes, implementation and evaluation, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Peace and Development Studies

Subject Group

Peace and Development Research

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2014-10-01

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2015

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for studies at second cycle level and specific entry requirements:

- Bachelor's degree, at least 120 ECTS credits in Peace and Development Studies or for the course other relevant subject within Social Sciences, Humanities or Economics
- English course B

Objectives

After having completed the course students are expected to be able to:

- present and discuss the significance of evaluations in a policy context;
- present and discuss principles and relevant methods for processes of planning, implementation and evaluation within international development cooperation;
- critically examine and analyse evaluations in relation to underlying methodological and theoretical approaches.

Content

The course begins with a discussion about the role of evaluations for policy formulation in the society. Its main content departs from a description of planning and implementation processes in international development cooperation. It deals with both bilateral and multilateral aid, as well as aid channelled through non-governmental organisations. Lectures and seminars present and treat different kinds of evaluations and documents of decision, as well as planning instruments such as the Logical Framework

Approach (LFA).

The course directs its main attention to the need to, already during planning for projects or other types of intervention, create knowledge and preconditions for later evaluations. The course ends with an exercise where students critically examine evaluations and policy documents within international development aid.

Type of Instruction

Lectures, seminars and group work.

Examination

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

Grade A is the highest grade and all other grades follow a falling scale in which grade E is the lowest grade to pass the course. A grade F means that the student has failed the course. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

Students who have failed the course (in other words, got an F) during the ordinary course examination date will receive the opportunity to go through an additional examination shortly after the ordinary course examination date.

Grading is based on individual writing assignments, group writing assignments and seminars.

Course Evaluation

Course evaluations are made through active dialogue with the students during the courses as well as through a written evaluation. Evaluation results are discussed with students.

Credit Overlap

This course cannot be part of a degree in combination with another course in which the content fully or partly correspond to the content of this course: 4FU411

Other

The course is given within the Master programme of Peace and Development Work, and as an elective course at advanced level.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Course literature

Hill, Michael (2009). *The Public Policy Process*. (5th ed), Pearson Longman, Harlow.

Sida (2007). *Looking Back, Moving Forward*. Sida, (available as pdf-file), (110 p).

Sida (2003). *Logical Framework Approach*. Sida, (available as pdf-file), (28 p).

Sida (2003). *Sida at Work – A Guide to Principles, Procedures and Working Methods*. (available as pdf-file), (73 p).

Sida (2005). *Sida at Work - Manual for the Preparation, Implementation and Follow-up of Cooperation Strategies*. Sida (available as pdf-file), (54 p).

Other current and supplementary texts will be added, ca 400 pages.

The reading list is updated before each course. The current reading list is available in a separate document 4 months before course start.