



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

4SK40E Självständigt arbete - magisteruppsats, 15 högskolepoäng
Master Thesis (one-year exam), 15 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1E

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2016-10-05
The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2017

Prerequisites

NO VALUE DEFINED

Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- Independently formulate a relevant political scientific research issue
- Collect, process and analyse empirical data and apply the adequate theoretical perspectives
- Write and defend a thesis
- Critically examine, evaluate and give constructive criticism on other students' theses.

Content

During the course, the students are to formulate and conduct a scientific study. The students shall identify a relevant research issue, choose the methods to be applied, and collect, process and analyse empirical data and apply adequate theoretical perspectives. The results are then presented in written form. Thesis work is carried out in collaboration with a supervisor, who provides advice and comments.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures, individual supervision as well as in groups, and seminars. Compulsory attendance at seminars.

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 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 his/her examination. For students who do not pass the scheduled examination (i.e. they receive a grade of F) a new test will be arranged close to the scheduled examination date. Examination consists of the master thesis and a seminar in which the student shall defend his/her thesis as well as publicly discuss and examine another student's thesis. In order to receive a grade of Pass (E), all examination assignments and the intended learning outcomes must be fulfilled. The total grade of the entire course is based on the grade awarded for the master thesis (A-E). The grading criteria of the A-F scale are communicated to the students in a separate document.

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, and to the students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

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: 4SK440 Master Thesis 15 credits

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Literature is chosen in consultation with the supervisor.