



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities  
Department of Media and Journalism

5MK80E Degree Project, 30 högskolepoäng  
Degree Project, 30 credits

### **Main field of study**

Media and Communication

### **Subject**

Media and Communication Studies

### **Level**

Second cycle

### **Progression**

A2E

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2024-08-14.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2025.

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements for studies at the master's level. Specific entry requirements: 1–90 credits in media and communications, journalism, political science, or some other related subject, including a minimum of 15 credits for an independent project. The course 4MK804 Philosophy of Science and Research Methods in Media and Communication Studies or the equivalent.  
English 6 or the equivalent.

### **Objectives**

After completing the course, the student should be able to demonstrate:

#### *Knowledge and understanding*

- specialised understanding of conducting research within Media and

### Communication Science

- good familiarity with current research of relevance to the degree project,
- specialised knowledge within the research area of focus in the degree project.

### *Competence and skills*

- ability to independently identify and describe scientific problems and identify research gaps within the framework of the subject Media and Communication Science,
- good ability to independently formulate clear and precise research questions of relevance to the subject area Media and Communication Science,
- good ability to design and conduct a confined research project based on independently formulated research questions within given timeframes,
- good ability to interpret, analyse, and present data collected within the framework of the degree project,
- good ability to draw and present relevant conclusion based on collected data in relation to the research question(s), and to critically reflect on limitations of the conducted study,
- good ability to discuss presented results and conclusions in relation to theoretical perspectives and previous research of relevance to the degree project,
- ability to complete the degree project in accordance with the given instructions, in terms of formalia and scientific writing.

### *Judgement and approach*

- ability to critically review and assess another student's degree project based on ethical, societal, and scientific perspectives,
- ability to critically reflect on the student's own degree project based on ethical, societal, and scientific perspectives,
- ability to identify the need for further knowledge.

## Content

In this course, a degree project for a Master's Degree is conducted in the subject Media and Communication Science, with a focus on media, democracy and human rights. With supervision, the student works on the basis of independently formulated research problems and questions. The completed degree project is reviewed in a defense seminar, where the student acts as respondent to defend their own project and also as opponent to review another student's degree project.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of supervision and seminars.

## Examination

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

Resit examination is offered in accordance with Linnaeus University's Local regulations for courses and examination at the first- and second-cycle levels. In the event that a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements.

## Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its

conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course.

### **Required Reading and Additional Study Material**

Literature is adapted to the focus of the student's degree project in consultation with the supervisor.