



Programme syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Social Sciences

Internationella samhällsstudier, inriktning politik och samhällsanalys,
180 högskolepoäng

International Politics Studies, specialization Political Analysis, 180
credits

Level

First Level

Establishment of Programme

Established by Organisational Committee 2009-04-17

Date of Ratification

Approved by Committee for First and Second Cycle under the Faculty Board of
Humanities and Social Sciences 2009-09-15

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Prerequisites

General entry requirements and English B (Field-specific entry requirements 2/A2).
Basic eligibility and English B

Description of Programme

In a more globalized world, people are needed who can analyse social and development issues. The International Political Studies Programme combines political science with social philosophy, history of ideas and interdisciplinary studies. An entire semester is devoted to English with large practical elements. The labour market for the programme is large and growing, such as international organizations, businesses and public sector, in Sweden or abroad.

Objectives

Key objectives in accordance with the Higher Education Regulation

Knowledge and comprehension

In order to obtain a bachelor's degree the student is expected to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the main field of study, including knowledge of the study's scientific basis, have knowledge of applicable methods, have advanced knowledge of specific issues and have general knowledge of current research issues.

proficiency and Capability

In order to obtain a bachelor's degree the student is expected to:

- Demonstrate the ability to search, collect, evaluate and critically interpret relevant information and a problem formulations and be able to discuss events, issues and situations
- Demonstrate the ability to independently identify, formulate and solve problems, and to perform tasks in a timely manner,
- Demonstrate the ability to verbally and in writing to present and discuss information, problems and solutions in a dialogue with various groups, and
- Demonstrate the skill required to work independently within the field of study.

Evaluative capability and attitude

In order to obtain a bachelor's degree the student is expected to:

- Demonstrate ability in the main field of study to make assessments based on relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects;
- Demonstrate insight of the role of knowledge in society and on human responsibility for its usage, and
- Demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and to develop his / her individual competence.

Programme-specific objectives

In addition to the objectives above, the following learning outcomes exists for the International Politics Studies Programme at the Linnaeus University.

After completing the programme students should be able to:

- Argue and analyse theoretical and normative issues, and critically examine and discuss issues and developments in the field of International Politics Studies
- Communicate both orally and in writing in Swedish and in English in a professional manner
- Be able to apply their knowledge and skills in further education at advanced level.

Content

Organization

The programme is managed by a Programme Director. A Programme Board promotes long-term and strategic development of the program. The programme board includes the programme coordinator, two teachers, including one from the main area, two student representatives and two external members, at least one must have experience in international work relevant to the program. The programme involves the school of Cultural Sciences, the school of Social Sciences and the School of Languages and Literature.

Programme Overview

The program's first semester is an introduction to the humanities and social studies from a social science theory and philosophical perspective. The aim is to provide a solid theoretical foundation for further social science studies and a scientific approach. The second semester includes thematic studies based on a topical integration of cultural geography, political science and practical philosophy. This creates opportunities for a productive way of studying both historical and contemporary problems of a multi-dimensional nature.

Year 2 starts with a semester of study in English with a focus on communication in international contexts. Then follows three semesters of study in their main subject, political science, 90 credits, ending with a thesis of 15 credits. All courses are mandatory for a degree in International Social Studies, specialisation policy and social analysis. It is possible to change courses, and then the students obtain another relevant degree.

Programme courses

Year 1

Historical ideas, philosophy and social theory 30 credits, G1N Mandatory.

International Religious Studies 30 credits, G1N Mandatory.

Year 2

English 30 credits, G1N Mandatory.

Political Science I (main area), 30 credits, G1N Mandatory.

Year 3

Political Science II (main area), 30 credits, G1F Mandatory.

Political Science III (main area), 30 credits (including 15 thesis credits), G2E Mandatory.

External Contacts

The programme board consists of representatives of the international labour market.

During studies in Sweden and abroad, the students will meet representatives of various international sites as well as through guest lectures in each course.

Exchange studies

Through a special collaboration between Linnaeus University and Queen's University of Belfast in Northern Ireland, all students are offered the opportunity to read Political Science II during the fifth semester at Queen's University in Belfast. In addition, students are encouraged to read one or more of semester 3-6 in any of Linnaeus University's partner universities within the Erasmus agreement, Nordplus Agreement or a bilateral agreement. The application for accreditation is handed to the program coordinator and decided by the respective head of department in consultation with the program.

Educational perspectives

The programme addresses issues concerning sustainable development, specifically in relation to the course in human geography during semester two, and generally this area is treated in all courses. Gender and diversity issues are highlighted specifically in term two, included in term 3 and treated as part of courses in political science.

The entire program is characterized by an international approach focusing on the global society.

Quality Development

Assessment is done continuously for each course and of the entire programme after completing the studies.

Students are participating in assessments of both individual courses as whole programmes. Each module and the programme will be evaluated in consultation between the responsible teachers, students and the program board. Compilations of the course and the programme evaluations are filed by the School of Social Sciences.

Degree Certificate

After completing program studies and completing studies equivalent to the requirements listed in both the Higher Education Regulations and Degree qualification and the requirements of Linnaeus University, students can apply for a diploma. Those who completed the International Political Studies Programme can obtain the following qualification:

Bachelor of Science

Main field of study: Political Science

The diploma is bilingual (Swedish / English). Students are to receive a diploma and a Diploma Supplement (English).

Other Information

Study trips within the programme are voluntary and are hence funded mostly by the student him/herself.