

Course Syllabus

Master`s Degree Thesis in Political Science 15 Credits*, Second Cycle

Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, students shall be able to:

- demonstrate in-depth knowledge and understanding in a specific sub field of Political Science, including insights into its current state of the art, applications and suitable methods
- demonstrate the ability to independently identify and formulate a research problem in Political Science integrate and evaluate complex phenomena and questions related to the research problem; and moreover plan and with suitable methods, complete a small-scale but qualified research assignment
- defend their own thesis and critically review the thesis of another student in terms of scientific skill, substance and structure and, in the role of reviewer, lead a critical discussion with the respondent
- demonstrate the ability to identify limitations in their own conclusions and identify a continued need for knowledge within the investigated sub-field
- demonstrate the ability to make judgements within the sub-field with considerations to relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of ethical aspects in the research process.

Course Content

In this course, students shall plan, complete and defend a degree project in the field of Political Science which will be in the form of an academic thesis at the advanced level. Students independently plan and author the project in consultation with a supervisor. The course also includes the review of a degree project of another student, with each student taking on the role of reviewer at a thesis seminar.

Assessment

Oral and written presentation of a degree project and reviewscrutiny of another student`s degree project.

Forms of Study

Thesis supervision and obligatory seminars

Grades

The Swedish grades A–F.

Reporting of grades:

- Master's thesis, 15 credits

Prerequisites

A minimum of 180 credits on first cycle, including 90 credits in Political Science, Sociology, International Relations, Human Rights or Peace and Conflict Studies, including a minimum of 7,5 credits research method with a focus on Social Science and English 6. In addition a minimum of 30 credits on second cycle in Political Science, Sociology, International Relations, Human Rights or Peace and Conflict Studies

Other Information

The course is included in the part of the master's programme Democracy, Citizenship and Change.

Supervision is only provided during the given course period only.

Subject:

Political Science

Group of Subjects:

Political Science

Disciplinary Domain:

Social Science, 100%

This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:

1. Political Science

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. A1E

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