



## Qualification descriptor for Degree of Master of Science (60 credits) - Major; Political Science

*Filosofie Magisterexamen - Huvudområde; Statsvetenskap*

**Degree regulations of 2007**  
**Second cycle**

### Specialisations

Name	Start term	For admitted until
Investigation ( <i>Utredning</i> )	S12	

### Established

Qualification descriptor approved on 2010-02-17 by Ordförande filosofisk fakultetsnämnd. Qualification descriptor updated on 2010-10-12 by Filosofisk fakultetsnämnd.

### Examination Objectives

#### Higher Education Act

English information is not available

#### Higher Education Ordinance

Annex 2

##### Knowledge and understanding

For a Master of Arts/Science (60 credits) degree the student shall have:

- \* demonstrated knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both an overview of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- \* demonstrated specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

##### Competence and skills

For a Master of Arts/Science (60 credits) degree the student shall have:

- \* demonstrated the ability to integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- \* demonstrated the ability to identify and formulate issues autonomously as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames
- \* demonstrated the ability in speech and writing to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- \* demonstrated the skills required for participation in research and development work or employment in some other qualified capacity.

##### Judgement and approach

For a Master of Arts/Science (60 credits) degree the student shall have:

- \* demonstrated the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- \* demonstrated insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- \* demonstrated the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

## Specialisations

### Investigation

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) in political science with specialization in investigation the students must:

- Demonstrate a deeper knowledge of social science theory and methodology relevant to the implementation of advanced studies,
- Demonstrate detailed knowledge of the conditions of public bodies' activities
- Demonstrate an ability to independently carry out advanced social science studies and evaluations,
- Demonstrate an ability to critically examine other people's studies and evaluations with regard to the strengths and weaknesses
- Demonstrate an ability to critically evaluate and able to relate to the methods and results used and obtained in their own investigations and evaluations
- In the degree project for master demonstrate deeper knowledge to identify, structure, analyze and try to solve an administrative problem

### Credits

The programme requires 60 credits.

*The credits stated indicate the total for all courses leading to the degree. All courses are to have been completed and passed.*

### Special requirements

#### Higher Education Ordinance and Luleå University of Technology

Independent project (degree project)

A requirement for the award of a Master of Arts/Science (60 credits) is completion by the student of an independent project (degree project) for at least 15 credits in the main field of study. (The Higher Education Ordinance, Annex 2 Qualifications ordinance)

Master of Arts/Science (60/120 credits) require a previous degree of Bachelor, Bachelor in fine arts or a professional degree of at least 180 credits or an equivalent foreign degree. (SFS 2006:1053, ch. 6, 5 § also appendix 2, Degree regulations)

A minimum of 45 credits of the education's 60 credits must consist of courses at second cycle level. A requirement for a Master's degree is that a main subject area has been formulated. (Riktlinjer för Bolognaanpassning (Guidelines for Bologna adaptation), LTU Dnr 783-06)

*All course requirements for this degree are stated in the official syllabus.*

### Degree certificate

*A degree certificate will be issued upon application to students who fulfil the requirements for a degree.*

### Course requirements for this degree

Syllabus - [Master programme, Investigation](#) (Utbildningsplan - Magister utredning)

Course requirement list - [Degree of Master of Science \(60 credits\), Major Political Science](#) (Utbildningsplan - Filosofie magisterexamen, huvudområde statsvetenskap)

[Compulsory courses](#)