

**SYLLABUS**

# **Governing natural resource conflicts 7.5 credits N7017N**

**Hantering av naturresurskonflikter**

**Course syllabus admitted: Spring 2024 Sp 3 - Present**

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## Hantering av naturresurskonflikter

### Second cycle, N7017N

| Education level | Grade scale | Subject                | Subject group (SCB) |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Second cycle    | U G VG      | Naturresursförvaltning | Social Studies      |

### Main field of study

Natural Resource Governance

## Entry requirements

Academic degree, minimum 180 credits of which at least 90 credits in social-, technical- or natural science subjects and completed the following courses with at least a passing grade; Introduction to natural resource governance (N7013N) 7,5 credits, Actors and natural resources (N7014N) 7,5 credits and The institutions, policy and economics of natural resource governance (N7016N) 7,5 credits, or equivalent. Good knowledge in English, equivalent to English 6.

## Selection

The selection is based on 30-285 credits

## Course Aim

After completing the course participants should be able to:

### **Knowledge and understanding:**

- Explain how and why natural resource use can give rise to collaboration and/or conflicts and describe their material, institutional, political, socio-economic and historical dimensions
- Describe and explain how natural resource conflicts can be understood and handled in ways that are perceived as sustainable, legitimate and just
- Describe and explain the role of institutions
- Describe and explain theoretical and practical approaches to make trade-offs between conflicting interests and to avoid/handle natural resource conflicts

### **Competence and skills:**

- Analyse natural resource dilemmas/conflicts and discuss the role of collaboration and conflict in relation to sustainable development, legitimacy and justice
- Apply common approaches to promote collaboration, handle conflicts and make trade-offs between conflicting interests/rights holders.
- Work in groups to analyse and evaluate different aspects related to governing natural resource dilemmas/conflicts
- Present, motivate and discuss different approaches to handling natural resource governance/sustainable development dilemmas

### **Judgement and approach:**

- Identify and critically reflect on underlying reasons for natural resource conflicts, including institutional conditions, actors' varying capacities and perceptions, power relations, properties of the natural system, path dependencies, etc.
- Apply concepts like sustainable development, legitimacy and justice to navigate a normative discussion of collaboration/conflicts and tradeoffs in a natural resource governance context

## Contents

- Environmental governance
- Theories to understand and explore collaboration and conflict in a NRM context
- Sustainable development (revisited), legitimacy and Justice
- Theoretical and practical approaches to avoid/handle NRM conflicts (institutional, market based, collaborative, deliberative, etc.)
- Making trade-offs
- New governance approaches

## Realization

Each course occasion's language and form is stated and appear on the course page on Luleå University of Technology's website.

This course applies a problem- and case-based approach. The course is realized through lectures, literature studies, individual and group assignments.

## Examination

If there is a decision on special educational support, in accordance with the Guideline Student's rights and obligations at Luleå University of Technology, an adapted or alternative form of examination can be provided.

Individual written assignment 4,5 ECTS, seminars 3 ETCS.

## Unauthorized aids during exams and assessments

If a student, by using unauthorized aids, tries to mislead during an exam or when a study performance is to be assessed, disciplinary measures may be taken. The term "unauthorized aids" refers to aids that the teacher has not previously specified as permissible aids and that may assist in solving the examination task. This means that all aids not specified as permissible are prohibited. The Swedish version has interpretative precedence in the event of a conflict.

## Remarks

Students must register for the courses themselves, or contact ETKS educational administration [eduetks@itu.se](mailto:eduetks@itu.se), no later than three days after the quarter commences. Failure to do so can result in the place being lost. This rule also applies to students with a guaranteed place.

## Course offered by

Department of Social Sciences, Technology and Arts

## Modules

| Code | Description        | Grade scale | Cr  | Status    | From period | Title |
|------|--------------------|-------------|-----|-----------|-------------|-------|
| 0001 | Written assignment | U G VG      | 4.5 | Mandatory | S24         |       |
| 0002 | Seminars           | U G#        | 3   | Mandatory | S24         |       |

## Study guidance

Study guidance for the course is to be found in our learning platform Canvas before the course starts. Students applying for single subject courses get more information in the Welcome letter. You will find the learning platform via My LTU.

## Syllabus established

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