

**SYLLABUS**

# **Humankind and Global Resources 7.5 credits S0025N**

**Människan och Jordens resurser**

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2023-02-15**

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## Människan och Jordens resurser

### First cycle, S0025N

Education level	Grade scale	Subject	Subject group (SCB)
First cycle	U G#	Statsvetenskap	Political Science

### Main field of study

Political Science

## Entry requirements

In order to meet the general entry requirements for first cycle studies you must have successfully completed upper secondary education and documented skills in English language + Swedish upper secondary school courses Mathematics 2a or 2b or 2c.

## Selection

The selection is based on final school grades or Swedish Scholastic Aptitude Test.

## Course Aim

The overall aim of the course is to introduce social science perspectives on environmental and natural resource related problems, including their causes and possible solutions, at different levels in society – globally, nationally and locally. Throughout the course, a number of generic skills are also dealt with, which are put into practical application during the course. Particular emphasis is on the ability to independently search for, evaluate and critically examine sources of information, as well as the ability to present and communicate this both orally and in writing. After completing the course, the student shall be able to:

- define the concept of sustainable development and discuss it from various social science perspectives
- describe and explain different perspectives of environmental ethics and their implications for problem perception and strategy choices
- describe and explain different social science perspectives (political; economic and legal) on the origin of environmental and natural resource related problems and their solutions
- describe and explain environmental policymaking at local, national and global level, and discuss environmental issues as multi-level problems
- identify and describe political, economic and legal control instruments used to address environmental and resource related problems, and critically discuss them in terms of, for example, efficiency, legitimacy and competing interests
- independently search for relevant information, both in printed and Internet-based sources
- independently relate to, and critically evaluate this information

## Contents

The course covers the following topics:

- Sustainable development as a scientific concept and empirical phenomena
- Political, economic, legal and historical perspectives on environmental problems and natural resource management
- Environmental policy and decision-making at global, national and local levels.
- Environmental ethics

## Realization

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

Teaching consists of lectures, group discussions, seminars and the writing of a report which is presented at a seminar with peer-review. Active seminar participation is mandatory.

## 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.

All the aims of the course are examined through a report, a quiz and seminar assignments with written as well as oral presentations. The seminars corresponds to 2 credits. The quiz corresponds to 1,5 credits. The written report with accompanying oral presentation and peer-review corresponds to 4 credits.

In cases where the results on the quiz do not reach the grade PASS at the first examination, a new opportunity to take the quiz will be possible, time-wise close after the first examination. In cases where the written examination (report) does not reach the grade PASS at the first examination, a new opportunity to submit a revised version (based on comments) will be possible, time-wise close after the essay seminar. If the report still does not reach the grade PASS, another examination opportunity is offered in the current year, when a revised version is submitted. If the report does not reach PASS on this re-examination occasion, the student is referred to the regular examination occasion the next time the course is given.

## 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@ltu.se](mailto:eduetks@ltu.se) not 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.

## Overlap

The course S0025N is equal to IESJ01

## Course offered by

Department of Social Sciences, Technology and Arts

## Modules

Code	Description	Grade scale	Cr	Status	From period	Title
0008	Quiz	U G#	1.5	Mandatory	A23	
0009	Report	U G#	4	Mandatory	A23	
0010	Seminars	U G#	2	Mandatory	A23	

## 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.

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