

SYLLABUS

Political Science B, Thesis 7.5 credits S0029N

Statsvetenskap B, Uppsats

Course syllabus admitted: Autumn 2013 Sp 1 - Autumn 2013 Sp 2

**DECISION DATE
2013-06-20**

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First cycle, S0029N

Education level	Grade scale	Subject	Subject group (SCB)
First cycle	U G VG	Statsvetenskap	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

Selection

The selection is based on 1-165 credits.

Examiner

Annica Sandström

Course Aim

The course introduces the craft of scientific writing, which is an important part of the education in political science. During the course, the students formulate a scientific problem that is systematically dealt with in a written thesis.

After the course the student should be able to:

- Describe what characterize scientific writing
- Describe the different parts of a thesis (introduction, problem formulation, aim, theory, method, material, analysis and conclusion) and discuss how these parts are interrelated
- Describe, discuss and motivate what characterizes a good thesis, based on scientific concepts such as validity and reliability
- With guidance, formulate a political science problem and systematically deal with this problem in a written thesis, which in turn requires the ability to:
 - Problematize a political science phenomenon
 - Relate the chosen problem to theoretical concepts
 - Collect relevant empirical material
 - Deal with the problem, the theoretical concepts and empirical material in a systematic analysis
- Critically reflect upon the thesis, and discuss other students' work, based on the requirements of what characterize a good thesis

Contents

The following areas are addressed:

- Scientific writing
- Composition of a scientific thesis
- Criteria for scientific thesis writing and presentation
- Practical applications of skills by writing and discussing theses

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 introductory lectures, tutorial and mandatory seminars with compulsory assignments. The seminars train the student's ability to formulate an interesting scientific problem, as well as the ability to motivate the choice of theory, methods, materials, etc.

The students gradually develop their skills in interaction with instructors and other students. Individual work is combined with learning processes within the student group. The theses are presented and discussed at a final seminar during which the students are trained to give and take critique. The seminars aim to develop students' analytical skills as well as their presentation skills.

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. Course objectives are examined through mandatory seminars, assignments and the written thesis. Active participation in the seminars and an approved thesis is required to pass the course. Participation in seminars represents 40% of the final grade, while the written thesis is equivalent to 60% of the final grade.

Remarks

Students must register for the courses themselves or contact ETKS educational administration, eduetks@ltu.se not later than five days after the quarter commences. Failure to do so can result in the place being lost. This rule applies to all students.

Literature. Valid from Autumn 2013 Sp 1

Sanne, Marika (2000) Skrivråd för statsvetare. Lund:Studentlitteratur.

Assigned reference literature, literature and empirical material necessary for the thesis.

Course offered by

Department of Business Administration, Technology and Social Sciences

Items/credits

Number	Type	Credits	Grade
0001	Essay and seminars	7.5	U G VG

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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