

SYLLABUS

Degree project in political science, Bachelor 15 credits S0035N

Examensarbete i statsvetenskap, kandidat

Course syllabus admitted: Autumn 2023 Sp 1 - Present

**DECISION DATE
2023-02-15**

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First cycle, S0035N

Education level	Grade scale	Subject	Subject group (SCB)
First cycle	U G VG *	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 and attained at least 90 credits, of which at least 60 credits in Political Science. The following courses should be included in this and be completed entirely with at least a passing grade: Political Science A, Political Theory (S0005N) 7,5 credits, Political Science A, Swedish Politics and Public Adm. (S0006N) 7,5 credits, Political Science A, Comparative Politics (S0007N) 7,5 credits, Political Science A, International Politics (S0008N) 7,5 credits, Politics and Policy in the European Union (S0026N) 7,5 credits, Democracy, Development and Democratization (S0031N) 7,5 credits, Research design (S0037N) 7,5 credits, Governance in theory and practice (S0038N) 7,5 credits, or equivalent.

Selection

The selection is based on 1-165 credits.

Course Aim

The overall aim of the course is for students to develop their skills in scientific writing in political science. Each student writes and defends a degree project in political science that develops his/her abilities to:

- Identify and define a relevant scientific problem to be dealt with in a degree project that, in turn, requires the ability to:

- Assimilate scientific studies and assess their relevance to the topic of the degree project
- Design and apply an appropriate analytical framework to answer the research questions
- Collect relevant empirical material
- Convey clear and coherent arguments, both orally and in writing
- Defend the degree project and critically examine other students' degree projects based on requirements for good scientific presentation

Contents

The choice of topic, research problem, theory, method and material are specified by the student in a written memorandum which is discussed with supervisors and other students at a seminar. The degree project is written individually and is defended at a final seminar where each student also acts as an opponent of another students' degree project.

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 tutoring and seminars. Tutoring is both carried out individually and in student groups. Seminars both comprises memoranda and complete papers. After the final seminar, the student improves the degree project based on the critical remarks. Tutoring is provided within a period of one semester after first course registration.

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.

Examination consists of the written degree project and active participation at seminars, both on the memorandum and the complete degree project, when the student acts as author and discussant. The work with the degree project examines the student's ability to identify and define an interesting and relevant scientific problem; to assimilate scientific studies and assess their relevance to the topic of the degree project; to design and apply an appropriate analytical framework to answer the research questions; to collect relevant empirical material; to convey clear and coherent arguments and draw relevant conclusions based on the findings. The seminars examine oral and written presentation skills, as well as the ability to critically assess the merits and shortcomings of scientific contributions.

In cases where the written examination (essay) 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 essay still does not reach the grade PASS, another examination opportunity is offered in the current year, when a revised version is submitted. If the essay 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.

To pass the course the student shall participate in compulsory meetings and seminars as well as register the thesis according to LTUs rules.

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 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 S0035N is equal to S0003N

Course offered by

Department of Social Sciences, Technology and Arts

Modules

Code	Description	Grade scale	Cr	Status	From period	Title
0001	Start of degree project	U G#	0	Mandatory	S14	
0002	Public discussion of others degree project	U G#	0	Mandatory	S14	
0003	Oral presentation	U G#	0	Mandatory	S14	
0004	Accepted report	U G VG *	15	Mandatory	S14	Yes

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