

SYLLABUS

Governance in theory and practice 7.5 credits S0038N

Politisk styrning i teori och praktik

Course syllabus admitted: Autumn 2023 Sp 1 - Present

**DECISION DATE
2022-02-11**

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First cycle, S0038N

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 completed the following courses with at least a passing grade; Political Science A, Swedish Politics and Public Adm. (S0006N) 7,5 credits or the course Local Government A (S0023N) 15 credits, or equivalent.

Selection

The selection is based on 1-165 credits.

Course Aim

The course departs from the shift from government to governance in the formation of public policy. There is an ongoing development from state-centered and hierarchical steering systems towards new forms of governance systems, in which a multitude of public and private actors, on different levels, participate. The course introduces theoretical perspectives and concepts to describe, analyze and reflect on the ongoing change and its consequences. A central theme of course is how values like democracy, legitimacy and sustainable development are accounted for in different ways of organizing the political process.

After the course the student should be able to:

- Describe different connotations of governing and discuss how the concept has changed over time within the field of political science and public administration.
- Describe and compare the characterizing features of different governance models, such as new public management, network governance, multi-level governance and collaborative management.
- Provide examples of, and analyze the development of, new governance models in the Swedish context as well as discuss and problematize how different ways of organizing politics and its implementation cater for central values such as democracy, effectiveness and legitimacy.
- Accommodate scientific articles.
- Demonstrate skills in oral as well as writing presentation- and communication techniques.

Contents

Public governance is all about realizing political goals and to account for the public will. However, political goals are essentially conflicting; the issues are complex and the expectations held by the public highly set. There is therefore a great challenge to find appropriate models of governance, which are considered as legitimate, democratic and effective. The course covers the topic of how different governance models within the public administration sustain and account for these central values. The course deals with public governing and different governance models from a theoretical perspective while it also exemplifies and problematizes these phenomena as they are played out in the Swedish context.

The following areas are dealt with:

- Political governance and the public policy process.
- The concepts of democracy, effectiveness and legitimacy and the role of these values in organizing public problem solving via different governance models.
- Governance; the rise of the concept, different connotations and applications in the fields of political science and public administration.
- Different models of governance; new public management, network governance, multi-level governance and collaborative governance, etc.
- Governance in the Swedish context: examples and analyses of cases from different policy areas.
- Written and oral presentation techniques.

Realization

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

The course consists of lectures and seminars with associated written assignments. A number of generic skills, such as oral and written presentation, are trained during the course which is finalized by an individual oral exam.

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 aims of the course are assessed through seminars with associated writing assignments (3.0 credits) and an oral exam (4.5 credits).

The grades U, G, VG are given for both parts.

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.

Course offered by

Department of Social Sciences, Technology and Arts

Modules

Code	Description	Grade scale	Cr	Status	From period	Title
0003	Oral Exam	U G VG *	4.5	Mandatory	A18	
0004	Seminar 1	U G VG *	1	Mandatory	A18	
0005	Seminar 2	U G VG *	1	Mandatory	A18	
0006	Seminar 3	U G VG *	1	Mandatory	A18	

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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