

SYLLABUS

Political Science, Degree project, focus Investigation 15 credits S7018N

Examensarbete statsvetenskap, magister, inriktning utredning

Course syllabus admitted: Autumn 2023 Sp 1 - Present

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2021-06-16**

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Second cycle, S7018N

Education level	Grade scale	Subject	Subject group (SCB)
Second cycle	U G VG *	Statsvetenskap	Political Science

Main field of study

Political Science

Entry requirements

Bachelor's degree of at least 180 credits in Political science and completed 15 credits advanced level courses in Political science with at least a passing grade, or equivalent.

Selection

The selection is based on 30-285 credits

Course Aim

The student is to write and defend a thesis requiring the ability to independently choose and justify a relevant scientific problem, purpose, research questions, theory, method and material, as well as to analyze and draw conclusions based on these choices, composing an advanced thesis in political science. Compared to the thesis on the Bachelor level, this thesis is anticipated to be more sophisticated in terms of problematization and systematic application of theoretical frameworks on a comprehensive empirical material, as well as a thorough and convincing presentation.

After completing the course, the student shall be able to:

- Independently formulate and delimit an interesting and relevant problem that is dealt with in a scientific thesis which, in turn, requires the ability to:
 - Assimilate advanced scientific literature and assess its relevance to one's own selected topic
 - Design an analytical framework suitable for the selected problem
 - Collect and systematically analyze large amounts of empirical data
 - Apply the selected analytical framework to fulfill the purpose and answer the research questions
- Lead a coherent and convincing line of argument, in writing and orally
- Contribute to knowledge development in the selected field of research
- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and ability to identify, structure, analyze and suggest solutions to a management problem
- Defend and critically examine one's own thesis based on requirements for scientific presentation and academic writing

Contents

Every student writes and defends a thesis. The thesis is written individually. Choice of topic, purpose, theory, method and material is presented in a written memorandum that is discussed at a seminar together with supervisors and fellow students. Every student acts as discussant on another student's memorandum and thesis.

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. training the student's ability to independently formulate an interesting problem, as well as the ability to justify choice of scope, theory, method, material, etc. After the final seminar, the student is given the opportunity to improve the thesis based on the review process. Supervision 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. The examination consists of the written thesis and active participation at seminars where the student both acts as author and as opponent of another student's thesis. The seminars critically examine the merits and shortcomings of the academic text, as well as the student's ability to present the work orally and to provide peer-review. The degree project examines the remaining objectives of the course, i.e. the student's ability to independently formulate and justify a relevant scientific problem, purpose, research questions, theory, method and material, as well as to analyze and draw conclusions based on these choices, composing an advanced thesis in political science, with focus on investigation.

To pass the course the student shall participate in compulsory 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.

Course offered by

Department of Social Sciences, Technology and Arts

Modules

Code	Description	Grade scale	Cr	Status	From period	Title
0001	Seminars	U G VG *	1.5	Mandatory	A11	
0002	Degree project	U G VG *	13.5	Mandatory	A11	Yes

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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