

SYLLABUS

The role of public administration in society 7.5 credits S7019N

Den offentliga förvaltningens roll i samhället

Course syllabus admitted: Autumn 2021 Sp 1 - Present

**DECISION DATE
2021-02-17**

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Second cycle, S7019N

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

Entry requirements

Bachelor's degree in social sciences.

Selection

The selection is based on 30-285 credits

Examiner

Charlotta Söderberg

Course Aim

The overall aims of the course are to gain an in-depth understanding of the role of public administration in society by empirically studying and analyzing how political decisions, regulatory systems and policy programs are implemented and controlled through the work of public administration, and what considerations and difficulties public actors face. in the day-to-day operations and case management. Throughout the course, a number of generic skills are also dealt with, which are put into practical application during the course. Special emphasis is placed on the ability to independently seek, evaluate and critically examine knowledge, as well as on the ability to present and communicate this both orally and in writing.

After completing the course, the course participant must present:

- Ability to independently and with the support of relevant theory formation give a detailed account of actual case processing within the public administration, including the rules, governance and organizational systems that surround the administration's work.
- Ability to compare, explain and discuss the relationship between the public authority and other, private as well as public, actors.
- Ability to independently analyze and relate to the workflow within the public administration
- Ability to reflect on and critically relate to the possibilities for review, reconsideration and appeal of public decisions
- Ability to independently search for relevant knowledge in both printed and Internet-based sources
- Ability to independently relate to, critically review and evaluate this knowledge
- Skills in oral as well as written presentation and communication techniques

Contents

What role does public administration play in society? How are political decisions, regulatory systems and policy programs implemented and controlled in the public administration's activities? What considerations and difficulties do public actors face in day-to-day operations and case management? These issues are dealt with during the course in a predominantly applied perspective. The course deals with and analyzes how authorities and civil servants actually work in the Swedish public administration. The emphasis of the course is on the role of public administration in society in practice, by the course participant to independently follow, analyze and manage the progress of matters through the public decision-making and implementation apparatus, as well as through elements of guest lectures. The course thus entails an in-depth study of the role of the public administration in society and how the administration's work is controlled, organized and regulated. T

The course covers the following areas:

- Administrative policy and organization
- Case handling and preparation
- Implementation

Realization

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

The teaching takes place mainly in the form of problem-based learning, where the course participants can work independently or in groups with applied, practical cases that are presented both orally and in writing. The implementation of the course with a focus on work on practical cases is based on an integration of different political science perspectives on and theories on public administration and the work of public actors, as well as meetings with professional practitioners through guest lectures.

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. Compulsory written and oral assignments continuously during the course examine the abilities according to course objectives a-g.

Remarks

A student who does not personally register or contact ETKS student administration, eduetks@ltu.se, within the three first days of the teaching period risks losing their place in the course. This also applies to students with guaranteed place.

The course replaces the course S7017N Public actors at work 7,5 credits.

The course cannot be included in a degree together with S7017N Public actors at work, or any other course with similar content.

Overlap

The course S7019N is equal to S7017N

Literature. Valid from Autumn 2021 Sp 1

The course literature is determined in consultation with the teaching teacher based on the cases to be studied during the course.

Reference literature: The course literature for the course S0044N The management and organization of public administration.

Course offered by

Department of Social Sciences, Technology and Arts

Modules

Code	Description	Grade scale	Cr	Status	From period	Title
0001	Oral and written assignments	U G VG	7.5	Mandatory	A21	

Syllabus established

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