



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Social and Political Studies

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 27 September 2012, and is valid from the Spring semester of 2014 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: SHG002

Civics 2, 30.0 ECTS Credits

(Samhällskunskap 2, 30.0 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

Progressive Specialisation: G1F (First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Civics 1, 1-30 ECTS cr

Major Field of Study

Learning Outcomes

The aim of the course is that students develop broad professional competencies as civics teachers, and further knowledge of the subject and subject teaching methodology. The focus is on economical and political conditions in society and on the classroom climate and school environment. The concept society is used to link the content and perspectives of the modules to the whole.

Module 1 Economic conditions II, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. describe and explain basic economic theories and place them in their ideological and historical context
2. use macroeconomic theories and refer to them in a current debate on economic issues
3. identify and explain the potentials and problems of economic stability identify and apply teaching methodological potentials and problems to a societal economic subject material

Module 2 Teaching civics in theory and practice, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. plan and problematize teaching based on their own experiences and relevant research
2. give an account of and problematize the national curriculum, relevant syllabi and local guidelines and interpret the relationship between practice and steering documents in examples
3. problematize the professional contact students and school staff
4. give an account of their own professional development based on their experiences during their studies and previously
5. use digital tools in educational activities.

Module 3 The ideas of politics and institutions, 15 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. describe and explain basic political ideas and ideologies with a special emphasis on democracy and human rights in a historical and contemporary perspective
2. describe and explain different basic political institutions with a direct bearing on Swedish society, such as the parliament, the government, the EU-parliament and the EU-commission
3. compare different political institutions in terms of their role and function in the political system
4. compare different national political systems
5. analyse society with the help of concepts and theories at a basic level
6. apply political theories and methods to the analysis of current social problems
7. describe and assess how political factors impact on identity creation and social participation
8. identify, apply and analyse teaching methodological potentials and problems to a political subject material
9. describe and assess the importance of the school environment and classroom climate to subject teaching.

Content and Form of Instruction

Module 1 Economic conditions II, 7.5 ECTS cr

- a basic economic perspective on society with an emphasis on macroeconomic theory is presented and problematized
- sustainable development is discussed from an economic perspective
- the economic perspective is related to the concept society through teaching methodological and identity-forming theories and applications

Module 2 Teaching civics in theory and practice, 7.5 ECTS cr

Students

- ask questions on actual teaching and try to answer them on the basis of their own experience and current research
- apply central steering documents and local pedagogical planning in their own teaching
- apply teaching methodological theories and transform subject knowledge in the planning of lessons and reflect on the relation between theory and practice
- use ICT as a tool in the planning of teaching and in the course internal communication
- discuss and reflect on the teaching profession and their professional development

Module 3 The ideas of politics and institutions, 15 ECTS cr

- a basic political science perspective on society is presented and problematized
- political ideas and ideologies are presented and problematized
- the Swedish political system is presented from a democratic and institutional perspective and compared with other national and international political systems
- the political science perspective is related to the concept society through teaching methodological and identity creating theories and applications.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

All examination components are mandatory.

Assessment is based on:

Module 1

Learning outcomes 1-3: written exam

Module 2

All learning outcomes: individual hand-in assignment discussed at a seminar

Module 3

Learning outcomes 1-4: written exam

Learning outcomes 5-7: individual hand-in assignments

Learning outcomes 8-9: seminar

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G) or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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