



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Political Science

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 24 February 2011, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2011 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: SVAD07

Public Politics and Administration, 7.5 ECTS Credits

(Offentlig Politik och Förvaltning, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

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General requirements for admission to Master's level plus political science 1-90 ECTS or including a degree project and upper secondary Swedish 2 B and English A or equivalent.

Major Field of Study

SKA (Political Science)

Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of politics, political science concepts and the political science theory tradition in the area of public politics and administration,
- apply specialised, current and conceptual knowledge and understanding to the areas of public politics and office,
- apply a specialised academic approach in order to identify, categorise, problematise, critically review and analyse public politics and administration such as basic societal processes, political events, processes, institutions and ideas.

Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures.

The course covers the theories and methods of the study of public politics and administration. The structure of administration, organisation and governance of public administration, decision-making, control and the implementation of public politics, that is, policy and policy processes. Evaluation of public politics. Organisation theory. Budget theory. The welfare state and privatisation. . The national state system and its historical change. International actors. Case studies of international conflicts. Security politics. Regional and global integration efforts.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual take-home exam.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Distinction (VG) 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 course cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course SVAD04

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.

The course is mandatory for students on the Master's programme SAMAS with a focus on political science and can be taken at full-time or part-time pace.

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