



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 18 February 2009, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2009 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** SVGA92

**Political framework for Spatial and Social Planning, 7.5 ECTS Credits  
(Samhällsplanerarens politiska ram, 7.5 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Bachelor

**Progression Level:** A

#### **Language of Instruction**

The language of instruction is Swedish but the course may also be taught in English. Contact the course coordinator for further information.

#### **Prerequisites**

General admission requirements

#### **Major Field of Study**

Political Science

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the course, students should:

- be cognizant of the political institutional system in which a social planner functions
- understand how social planning can become an instrument to achieve goals in welfare politics
- understand the role of the social planner in a politically controlled operation
- be cognizant of how sectorization and multi-level systems influence public organization
- have basic skills in applying a political perspective in order to analyze and comprehend the function of social planning in a community.

#### **Content and Form of Instruction**

The course comprises three elements:

- The institutional organization of politics.
- The welfare state and social planning in a politicized community.
- The democratic public organization and the role of the social planner.

The course provides an overview of the public organization in Sweden from the perspective of political institutions. The rise of the welfare state is covered with a focus on the politicization of new areas of public

control and exertion of power. Special attention is given to the way in which social planning serves a purpose in the politically established programs that constitute a part of the politics of the welfare state. The course also covers the publicly and democratically governed organization as a context for the professional role of the social planner.

#### Reading List

See separate document.

#### Examination

Examination is in the form of written exam, written examination assignments/research proposals as well as through active participation in seminars.

#### Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G), or Distinction (VG) is awarded in the examination of the course. International students are graded in accordance with the ECTS scale.

#### 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, ref. C2007/368, stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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