



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Political Science

Syllabus

Practical Placement: Political Science Bachelor Programme

Course Code:	SVGP30
Course Title:	Practical Placement: Political Science Bachelor Programme <i>Praktik: Politices kandidat</i>
Credits:	30
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G2F)

Major Field of Study:
SKA (Political Science)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-03-07, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Programme course in the Political Science programme (SGPOL) at Karlstad University. At least 75 ECTS credits completed from the first three semesters of the programme, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- integrate political science theories in a specific practical area critically and systematically,
- apply a political science perspective in practice.
- perform political science analyses of a practical area,
- perform qualified professional tasks with a political science profile,
- identify political science theories and relate them to practical areas,
- independently compile written reports within set time limits, and

- reflect upon the professional field of the political scientist in terms of a specific workplace.

Content

The practical training will be designed so as to meet the needs of the students and the work place. The students should participate actively in everyday work tasks in order to acquire an understanding of the handling of cases, decision-making, planning and investigatory work, information work, budget and accounting work, as well as documentation. Students are responsible for finding a practical placement and acquiring the approval of the course coordinator.

Students and supervisors together set up a plan for the practical training in which the above-mentioned guidelines are taken into consideration. During the trainee period, students will be given the opportunity to carry out their practice assignments following special instructions. Assignments are completed individually and reported in writing as well as orally in a final seminar. The practical placement period comprises 20 weeks.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on

- attendance at the practical placement workplace, in accordance with the working hours of the employees
- an individual written practical placement report, written in accordance with a template
- two individual written practice assignments designed together with the field supervisor and presented in a seminar.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

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 evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

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

A student guilty of grave and unprofessional conduct may be required to discontinue the ongoing practical placement immediately.