

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2011-11-08 to be valid from 2011-12-15, spring semester 2012.

General Information

This is a freestanding course in the main field of study peace and conflict studies.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Peace and Conflict Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student shall demonstrate the ability to

Knowledge and understanding

- describe and discuss the main issues relating to war and peace in the Western Balkans.
- describe and discuss the research problems, theoretical perspectives, and methods in the study of war and peace in the Western Balkans.

Competence and skills

- formulate a relevant research problem in the area covered by the course, and demonstrate the ability to appraise this problem theoretically and empirically.
- contribute to a common learning environment and to group dynamic aspects of learning.

Course content

The course introduces and elaborates on various theoretical perspectives of war and peace in the Western Balkan conflicts. Central issues discussed and compared over time are

- (1) the causes of the conflict, such as identity, nationalism, religion, territory and great power politics;
- (2) the international community's role as well as the role of local actors in peace-building and state-building highlighting the various agreements, third parties, the roles of mediators and the implementation of peace accords; and
- (3) conflict resolution, visions of peace and various solutions, such as independence, power-sharing, international administration, EU-membership, regional cooperation.

Course design

Teaching includes lectures and mandatory seminars.

Students are assessed by way of an individual course paper as well as on active participation in seminars. In order to pass the course, the student must also submit three brief learning reports on their learning process.

Assessment

In addition to the regular examination, two extra examinations will be organised each term.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grades awarded are A, B, C, D, E or Fail. The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course the student must have fulfilled requirement of 30 credits from studies in peace and conflict studies or political science.

A high level of proficiency in the English language is necessary. IELTS with a minimum of 6.0 (none of the sections under 5.0), or TOEFL with a minimum of 575p (internet based 90p) or a passing grade in English course B (Swedish secondary school) is required.

Subcourses in FKVB22, Peace and Conflict Studies: War and Peace in the Western Balkans

Applies from V12

- 1101 War and Peace in the Western Balkans, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1102 Seminar, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated