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Faculty of Social Sciences

STVB30, Political Science: Fieldwork, Internship and Research Overview, 15 credits

*Statsvetenskap: Fältarbete, praktik och forskningsöversikt, 15
högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2011-11-08 and was last revised on 2016-02-02. The revised syllabus applies from 2016-02-02, autumn semester 2016.

General Information

The course is offered at the first-cycle level as a compulsory course within the Bachelor of Science in Development Studies with a major in Political Science. The language of instruction is English.

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Main field of studies

Political Science

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student shall be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate thorough practical knowledge about activities and work procedures of the organization where the internship takes place; the context where field work is carried out or the problem area for the desk study
- demonstrate knowledge gained from working with development related issues
- demonstrate knowledge on economic, organisational, political, and technological trends in development

- demonstrate deeper understanding of earlier parts of the education within the programme

Competence and skills

- give an account of and discuss relevant empirical cases with connections to development studies
- analyse, independently and individually, relevant issues encountered in the field, during an internship or through the work with a research overview.
- communicate results of learning and research processes within given time frames, both in writing and orally.

Course content

The course aims at giving the students the experience of working in a development context. It may also serve as a means of gathering material for the forthcoming bachelor's thesis. The course is divided into three 15-credit tracks, and the student has to choose one of these. Two tracks give the opportunity to do a field study or an internship within a development organisation, while the third track, the research overview, is an option for those who choose to remain at Lund University. The three tracks differ as specified below but all include compulsory readings and assignments.

Track 1: Field Work

The track is an opportunity to collect material for the forthcoming thesis for students who are interested in doing field work in developing countries. The student is required to write a field work diary. A limited number of Minor Field Study - scholarships are available at the departments. If the students are willing to fund their own field trip, or seek funding elsewhere this is acceptable.

Track 2: Internship

The internship should be carried out with a development organization of the student's choice. The organization must, however, be cleared by the course convener and the BIDS Programme Coordinator. The internship should last ten weeks of full time work (the full duration of the course). The BIDS programme does not provide the students with internships but will help with letters of introduction. The internship course is separate from the thesis course, but if the host organization allows it, source material obtained through the internship can be used as part of the thesis work.

Track 3: Research Overview

The final option open to the students is to take a literature course. The aim of the course is to allow the students to read some of the classic and contemporary work within their major. The course will be individually designed by the student and the department within which he or she majors. In addition, the course gives the student a chance to study and review academic literature on the topic chosen for the thesis and is also an opportunity to collect secondary data.

Course design

Assessment

The examination will be based on written assignments throughout the course and a final report. Depending on the chosen track, the examination will be in the form of an internship report, a field report or a research report

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.

Students are graded by 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 to the course the student must be enrolled in the Bachelor of Science Programme in Development Studies at Lund University (BIDS), and have fulfilled course requirement of at least 45 credits of first year courses and 45 credits of second year courses of the programme.

Further information

The University views plagiarism very seriously, and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practice in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

Subcourses in STVB30, Political Science: Fieldwork, Internship and Research Overview

Applies from V12

- 1101 Field Work, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1102 Internship, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1103 Research Overview, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A