Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 2011-11-17, spring semester 2012.

General Information

The course is offered as a single subject course for the programme Master of Science (Two Years) in Welfare Policies and Management.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies: Political Science

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements:
- A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding
- identify, understand and reflect on problems related to evaluation studies

Competence and skills
- critically assess the utility and appropriateness of diverse theories, methods and techniques in evaluation studies
- critically assess completed evaluation studies
- formulate relevant evaluation questions and design a scientifically based evaluation study
- communicate scientific issues and follow the development of knowledge within the field evaluation and welfare management.

Course content

The aim of the course is to analyse different theories, models and methods of evaluation and to critically assess evaluation research and the use of evaluation results. This is an interdisciplinary course where theories and perspectives from social policy and social work, sociology, and political science contribute to give a wide-ranging understanding of evaluations within the field of welfare policies and management. The interdisciplinary approach is used throughout the course; hence, the main themes are problematised and reflected on from different theoretical perspectives and empirical examples.

Course design

Teaching is in the form of lectures and seminars. Students are expected to attend lectures and to participate actively in seminar discussions. The language of instruction is English; lectures and seminars are conducted in English, and examinations and students’ course papers are written in English.

Assessment is be based on:
- oral presentations and active participation in seminars
- an individually written paper

Assessment

Examinations are scheduled during the academic year only. Two opportunities for re-examination are offered after the end of the course.

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

The course is offered to students admitted to the programme Master of Science (Two Years) in Welfare Policies and Management.
Subcourses in WPMP02, Political Science: Evaluation and Welfare Management

Applies from V12

1101  Course Paper, 7.5 hp
     Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A

This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish.