



Samhällsvetenskapliga fakulteten

STVC59, Political Science: Experts and Democracy, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Political Science: Experts and Democracy, 7.5 credits

Grundnivå / First Cycle

Fastställande

Kursplanen är en historisk, äldre version, faställd av Statsvetenskapliga institutionens styrelse 2011-11-08 och gällde från och med 2011-11-17, vårterminen 2012.

Allmänna uppgifter

This is a course in Political Science that is offered to first cycle students and exchange students at Lund University. Lectures and seminars are conducted in English, and examination papers are written in English.

Undervisningsspråk: engelska

Huvudområde

Statsvetenskap

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Fördjupning

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Kursens mål

On completion of the course the student shall

Kunskap och förståelse

- demonstrate knowledge of problems and dilemmas related to the role of experts in the policy-process of modern democracies
- demonstrate knowledge of research problems, theoretical traditions, and methods in the study of the relationship between experts and democracy

Färdighet och förmåga

- be able to formulate a relevant research problem in the area covered by the course, and be able to theorise, generalise and discuss this problem

Värderingsförmåga och förhållningssätt

- be able to contribute to a common learning environment and to group dynamic aspects of learning.

Kursens innehåll

The course explores the role played by experts in modern policymaking. The point of departure is a democratic dilemma. On the one hand, expert knowledge is crucial for politicians to make wise and good decisions. On the other hand, there is a risk that experts come to dominate at the expense of citizen influence. The course examines different theoretical perspectives on the meaning of key concepts like democracy, experts, and expert knowledge. It also highlights the relationship between them, and how they matter in different stages of the political decision-making process, and in different political institutions at the local, national and super-national level. The theoretical insights are also applied to concrete policy issues.

Kursens genomförande

The course combines interactive lectures, where the problem area of the course is introduced, with student conducted seminars, as well as thematically directed panel debates/role plays.

Students are assessed by way of active participation in lectures and seminars, as well as by authoring an individually written research paper. In addition to being a basis for assessment of this particular course, the research paper can serve as a preparation for students who plan to write a bachelor thesis related to the content of the course.

Kursens examination

Prov/moment för denna kurs finns i en bilaga i slutet av dokumentet.

Betyg

Betygskalan omfattar betygsgraderna Underkänt, 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.

Förkunskapskrav

To be eligible for the course the student must have the equivalence of 60 ECTS credits from studies in Political Science.

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Gäller från V12

1101 Course Paper, 7,5 hp
Betygsskala: Underkänt, E, D, C, B, A