



Faculty of Social Sciences

## **JOUD01, Journalism: Advanced Work Placement, 30 credits**

*Journalistik: Kvalificerad yrkespraktik, 30 högskolepoäng*

**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2013-10-23 and was last revised on 2019-10-04 by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology. The revised syllabus comes into effect 2019-10-04 and is valid from the spring semester 2020.

### **General information**

Subject: Journalism

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It consists of a full-time work placement. The course can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

Components in other Scandinavian languages and English may be included.

*Main field of study*      *Specialisation*

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

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- give an account of how journalistic work functions and is organised at the host organisation and identify different editorial roles in the work process
- give an account of how the perspectives of journalism studies and media ethics can be used in working life

## Competence and skills

- assume a professional journalistic role and thereby apply journalistic working methods in a professional context
- compile and analyse observations and experiences from the work placement and present these in the form of a work placement report

## Judgement and approach

- relate, orally and in writing, to the work placement, professional role and workplace from the perspective of journalism studies
- discuss, orally and in writing, and relate to ethical issues in relation to work in professional journalism
- reflect on and assess how the perspectives of journalism studies can be a constructive contribution to a workplace
- identify their need of further knowledge and for developing their expertise in relation to working life

## Course content

The aim of the course is to give the student a preparatory placement for work in journalism in which the theoretical part of journalism as a subject is connected to professional work. The course includes work placement activities with a journalistic orientation and can be carried out in public or private organisations, as well as voluntary organisations, in Sweden or abroad. The course begins with a preparatory week in which a work placement assignment is presented and discussed in the student group. Thereafter, the student, with the support of supervision at the host organisation, works on advanced tasks and participates in the daily work. At the host organisation, the student should be given the opportunity to use and develop previously acquired knowledge and skills in journalism. During the placement period, the student also works on a written work placement report.

## Course design

Compulsory parts of the course: The student must first present the host organisation and a plan for the work placement to the course director. The introductory week of preparatory assignments for the work placement takes place at the University. After the placement period, the student is to show a certificate from the placement supervisor. The certificate should contain information about the placement and the tasks that the student has carried out. During the work placement period, there is a requirement for at least 80% attendance at the workplace and participation in online seminars with the course director and course participants. The student also writes a work placement report in which the placement is connected to the theory of journalism studies. The report is presented orally at the final seminar of the course.

Participation in the introductory week and seminars is compulsory unless special circumstances apply. Students who have been unable to participate in compulsory components due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for, or re-take, compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of elected office duties e.g. as a student representative.

## **Assessment**

Assessment is through a written preparatory assignment for the work placement and an individually written work placement report that is presented at a seminar.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

## **Grades**

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass

## **Entry requirements**

Admission to the course requires JOUR10 Journalism: Level 3.

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Department of Communication and Media, Lund University.
2. It is the student's responsibility to arrange a work placement and finance travel, accommodation etc. On application to the course, the student must contact the course director. The work placement may not commence until the course director has approved the host organisation, supervisor and the main duties involved.
3. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details, see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.