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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

MRSLO1, Exceptional Sweden? Sweden's Foreign Policy Past and Present, 5 credits

Ett exceptionellt Sverige? Sveriges utrikespolitik då och nu, 5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2022-12-16 to be valid from 2022-12-16, spring semester 2023.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course and can normally be included in a first or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

The language of instruction is English, but examination may also be done in Swedish.

The course may be taught in Swedish, provided there is a special agreement between the lecturer/s and the students. Such an agreement would depend on both the lecturer and all students having a good knowledge of Swedish.

Main field of studies

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student is to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- at a general level describe the modern history and development of the Swedish foreign policy,
- account for the different parts, stake holders and functions of foreign policy
- give an account of central theoretical concepts including "Swedish exceptionalism"

Competence and skills

- give an account of changes in Swedish foreign policy at different times in modern history,
- give an account of how Swedish foreign policy has been influenced by domestic, regional and international events,
- independently assess Sweden's contribution to international society,

Judgement and approach

- take a position on debates and opinions about Swedish foreign policy and be able to formulate their own position in relation to central theories,
- assess their own expertise and identify the need for further knowledge.

Course content

The course starts with a historical overview of the processes and events that have shaped Sweden's values, interests and priorities as international actor. The course then continues with a contemporary exploration of Swedish foreign policy. Special attention is devoted to how Sweden has transformed their foreign policy as answer to important domestic, regional and international changes particularly during the 21st century. In view of a fast-changing political landscape at home and abroad, possible future directions for Sweden's international engagement will be discussed.

Course design

Teaching is conducted through digital lectures and 1-2 compulsory seminars. Absence from a compulsory component is to be compensated for with an assignment in accordance with the instructions of the lecturer.

The course is offered entirely as a distance learning course using an online learning platform and/or digital tools. Participants are required to participate under these conditions, and to have access to a computer with an internet connection as well as functioning speakers, microphone and web camera. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on a written assignment.

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.

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

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

- The course is offered at the Division of Human Rights Studies, Department of History, Lund University.
- 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 current registration and information materials.

Subcourses in MRSL01, Exceptional Sweden? Sweden's Foreign Policy
Past and Present

Applies from H23

2301 Exceptional Sweden? Sweden's Foreign Policy Past and Present, 5,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction