



Faculty of Social Sciences

STVC55, Political Science: Environmental Governance, 7.5 credits

Statsvetenskap: Governance i miljöpolitiken, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2011-11-08 and was last revised on 2011-11-08. . The revised syllabus applied from 2011-11-17. , spring semester 2012.

General Information

This course in Political Science is offered to undergraduate and exchange students at Lund University.

Language of instruction: English

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, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

compare and interrelate different understandings of the political, economic, and social causes for environmental change;
reflect on theories and perspectives on international relations and domestic or comparative governance covered by the course;

Competence and skills

apply these theories and perspectives to analyze different cases of environmental governance;
compare and interrelate different forms of environmental governance across scales

This is a translation of the course
syllabus approved in Swedish

and topics;
present her/his analysis in written and oral form that corresponds to academic standards.

Course content

The aim of the course is to examine environmental change as a problem of governance. We scrutinize major governance dimensions — such as actors, institutions and problem structures — at multiple levels and across domains. This includes the interplay of government, market and civil society in efforts to mitigate and adapt to environmental change. The course critically approaches the changing institutional architecture of environmental governance, including the rise of alternative forms of governance beyond the state. Actors like regions, cities, international organizations, business, non-governmental organizations and social movements will be studied. Cases of environmental governance on various levels will be contrasted and compared, together with overlaps between environmental issues and other domains like trade and security. The course will give opportunity to reflect on these cases in relation to central political scientific concepts like democracy, justice, legitimacy and effectiveness.

Course design

The course consists of a series of lectures and seminars. Students are expected to participate actively in these sessions, and prepare oral and written presentations on specific topics.

Assessment

The final assessment is based on a paper that is presented and evaluated at a seminar. In addition to the regular examinations, two extra examinations will be organised each term.

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

To be eligible for the course the student must have the equivalence of one year (60 credits) of coursework in Political Science.

Subcourses in STVC55, Political Science: Environmental Governance

Applies from V12

1101 Course Paper, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A