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Faculty of Social Sciences

STVC72, Political Science: The Politics of Climate Change, 7.5 credits

Statsvetenskap: Klimatförändringspolitik, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2015-06-15 and was last revised on 2015-06-15. The revised syllabus applies from 2015-09-01, autumn semester 2020.

General Information

This is a course in Political Science that is offered to first-cycle 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 demonstrate

Knowledge and understanding

- knowledge and understanding of key social and political efforts to govern climate change at multiple levels.
- knowledge and a comprehension of different theories and concepts for explaining the politics of climate change.

Competence and skills

- the ability to apply these theories and concepts in a critical way when analysing and comparing sites and cases of climate change politics.
- the ability to present their analyses in both orally and in writing in a way that corresponds to academic standards.
- the ability to take responsibility for their learning process throughout the entire course by engaging actively in group work, seminars and individual assignments.

Course content

Climate change has emerged as one of the defining issues for the 21st century. What started as a matter of scientific inquiry in the nineteenth century, and became a battleground for intergovernmental negotiations in the 1990s, is now written through the contemporary social and political world. The course moves away from studying climate change as a 'single issue' to instead approach it as a 'condition' affecting the ways in which multiple economies and forms of social relations emerge.

This course explore the politics of climate change across a multiple set of sites ranging from the UN, the state and the city, to systems of infrastructure, social and cultural practices. This implies a closer engagement with issues such as public and private low carbon road-maps, urban designs for electric mobility, the low carbon home, the carbon conscious individual and the climate refugee. These sites are examined with the help of different conceptual and theoretical perspectives from various fields of political science, among them international relations, policy studies, comparative politics and critical social and political thought. Through fieldwork and methods of authentication the course helps the students to grasp how climate change rearticulate fundamental concerns of political science, such as power, democracy, authority, and social change.

Course design

The course consists of a series of lectures, seminars and field visits. Participation in all seminars is mandatory.

Assessment

Examination is based on assignments throughout the course, in both written and oral form, as well as a final course paper. In addition to the regular examination, two extra examinations will be organised each time the course is offered.

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. Exchange students are also graded on the ECTS scale.

Entry requirements

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

Subcourses in STVC72, Political Science: The Politics of Climate Change

Applies from H15

1501 Course Paper, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A