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UNIVERSITET

Samhällsvetenskapliga fakulteten

STVN13, Statsvetenskap: Krig och fred i en föränderlig värld, 15 högskolepoäng

*Political Science: War and Peace in a World in Transition, 15
credits*

Avancerad nivå / Second Cycle

Fastställande

Kursplanen är fastställd av Statsvetenskapliga institutionens styrelse 2011-11-08 och senast reviderad 2017-12-14. Den reviderade kursplanen gäller från och med 2018-01-15, vårterminen 2018.

Allmänna uppgifter

This is a Political Science course offered as an elective course in the Master of Science Programme in Social Science or as a single subject course. The language of instruction is English and/or Swedish.

Undervisningsspråk: Svenska och Engelska

Huvudområde

Statsvetenskap

Fördjupning

A1N, Avancerad nivå, har endast kurs/er på grundnivå som förkunskapskrav

Kursens mål

On completion of the course, students shall

Kunskap och förståelse

have acquired extensive knowledge of philosophical foundations, research problems, theories, methods, and research results in the academic study of war and peace.

Färdighet och förmåga

be able to relate contemporary international political problems to the scientific study of war and peace

- be able to summarise, criticise and assess scientific studies of war and peace
- be able to communicate the results of learning and research processes to different kinds of recipients within a given time frame, both in writing and orally
- be able to follow the development of knowledge in the discipline of political science, and master techniques for making proper academic references
- have developed an independent, critical and reflective attitude towards knowledge, learning, politics and society
- be able to contribute to a common learning environment and to the group dynamic aspects of learning.

Kursens innehåll

The overall aim of the course is to provide a theoretical and empirical orientation of different explanations and analyses of contemporary wars and attempts to achieve a more peaceful world. The course highlights theoretically how war as an institution is transformed and what consequences this alteration has on warfare, security and peace support operations in different parts of the world. Various theoretical perspectives are discussed and evaluated. Particular emphasis is placed on the interplay between normative assumptions about war and peace and how these ideas affect issues, such as legitimacy, justice and security. Moreover, the course addresses peace in practice through empirical analyses about specific peace-building models and peacemaking strategies in such regions as Africa, the Middle East and the Balkans. The linkage between civilian and military dimensions, and the variation of strategies among actors (states, intergovernmental, non-governmental) in peace support operations are highlighted. Through case studies, the students will be able to generate knowledge and insights about specific circumstances of war and the possibilities as well as the restraints that exist in peacemaking efforts.

Kursens genomförande

The course is based on a combination of lectures, individual studies, seminars and independent projects. Participation in seminars is mandatory.

Kursens examination

The assessment is based on (1) active and constructive participation in the seminars, (2) a written literature review, (3) and an individually written course paper.

In addition to the regular examination, two extra examinations will be organised every time the course is given.

Om så krävs för att en student med varaktig funktionsnedsättning ska ges ett likvärdigt examinationsalternativ jämfört med en student utan funktionsnedsättning, så kan examinator efter samråd med universitetets avdelning för pedagogiskt stöd fatta beslut om alternativ examinationsform för berörd student.

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

Betyg

Betygsskalan 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.

Seminar activity accounts for 20 percent, the literature review 20 percent, and the course paper 60 percent, of the total grade.

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 be admitted to the Master of Science Programme in Social Science. Students taking the course as a single subject course are eligible after passing courses of at least 150 credits in fully completed courses, 90 of which – including a Bachelor's degree essay – is in Political Science or Peace and Conflict Studies.

Övrigt

The course provides theoretical and empirical knowledge about the conditions and circumstances of war and peace. Moreover, methodological skills are practiced through independent analysis of such processes. Consequently, the course results in an ability to pursue research on issues related to peace and war as well as for qualified work within national and international public and private organisations.

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