

# Syllabus

for course at first level

**Journalistic Writing**  
**Journalistiskt skrivande**

**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	JO3056
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2019
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2009-03-31
<b>Changed:</b>	2019-02-06
<b>Department</b>	Department of Media Studies
<b>Main field:</b>	Journalism
<b>Specialisation:</b>	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

## Decision

This syllabus has been approved by the Board of the Department of Journalism, Media and Communication (JMK) 2009-03-31 and most recently audited by the Department Board at the Department of Media Studies 2019-02-06.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Academic degree of at least 180 ECTS, incl. independent work on 15 ECTS.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
JOUS	Journalistic Writing	7.5

## Course content

The course is an introduction to journalistic writing with a focus on science journalism. The student learns source search, interviewing techniques and source criticism, journalistic writing and strategies for communicating research results in journalistic form aimed at a broad audience. The course highlights ethical issues and problematizes the respective roles of scientific knowledge and journalism. The practical part of the course consists of writing exercises and the collection of your own material as well as external monitoring in journalistic publications. Under supervision, you will write texts based on your own area of expertise.

## Learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student should:

- master the foundation of journalistic interview and research, and journalistic writing
- be able to problematize and analyze journalistic production processes, from idea to research and finished text
- understand and problematize the role of journalism in communication of knowledge and science.

## Education

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars and practical application exercises. Course requirements: Seminars, oral and written presentations and practical application exercises are compulsory elements of the course. Teaching takes place in the language specified in the application information each time the course is advertised. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description is available no later than one month before the course starts.

**Forms of examination**

- a. The course is examined through a journalistic work. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description is available no later than one month before the course starts.
- b. Grading takes place according to a seven-point goal-related grading scale: A = Excellent B = Very good C = Good D = Satisfactory E = Sufficient Fx = Insufficient
- c. The written grading criteria are communicated to the students at the start of the course. Announced goal-related grading criteria are binding.
- d. To obtain an approved final grade for the course, a minimum grade of E is required for all examination assignments and completed course requirements. If there are special reasons, the examiner may, after consultation with the responsible teacher, grant the student exemption from the obligation to participate in certain compulsory teaching or fulfillment of mandatory tasks. The student can then be required to receive a compensation assignment. Examination tasks that are not submitted in time are not assessed.
- e. For each course, at least two examinations are offered. The academic year that the course is missing is offered at least one examination opportunity. Students who have received the grade Fx or F on a test twice in a row by one and the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed at the next examination, unless special reasons speak against it. The request for this must be made to the department board. Students who have received the lowest grade E must not undergo a renewed examination for higher grades.
- f. The possibility of completing the grade Fx up to the approved grade is not given on this course.

**Interim**

When the syllabus is canceled, the student has the right to be examined once per semester according to the current syllabus during a settlement period of three semesters.

**Limitations**

The course may not be credited in a degree at the same time as such a course, which has been completed or approved in a country or abroad, whose content is wholly or partly in accordance with the content of the course.

**Required reading**

For current course literature, see the department's website at [www.ims.su.se](http://www.ims.su.se). The current literature list is available no later than two months before the start of the course.