

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Environmental Politics: Governing the Anthropocene from Local to Global

7.5 Higher Education Credits

Miljöpolitik - styrning och policy från lokalt till globalt

7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	SV7067
Valid from:	Autumn 2019
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Changed:	2019-06-13
Department	Department of Political Science
Main field:	Political Science
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

The syllabus has been approved by the Head of the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2013-04-25. Date of last revision, 2019-06-13.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A Bachelor of Arts Degree (180 ECTS credit points or the equivalent), with a major in Political Science. English B (Swedish upper secondary school course) or the equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
7001	Environmental Politics: Governing the Anthropocene	7.5

Course content

This course studies the politics of environmental problems and aims to give participants an advanced overview of contemporary scholarly work on a wide range of environmental topics. Specifically the course will address normative aspects of environmental problems, natural resource management theories, comparative approaches to environmental performance of states, diffusion of environmental policies between countries, the role of states and markets in environmental issues, theories of regulatory competition, studies of green social movements and parties, and environmental problems in global governance.

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students should be able to:

1. Knowledge and Understanding

- Describe the history of environmental politics and policy making.
- Identify the main political mechanisms involved in generating and addressing environmental problems.

2. Skills and Abilities

- Apply the main contending normative and empirical theories in the study of environmental politics.

3. Evaluation and Approach

- Critically evaluate the main contending normative and empirical theories in the study of environmental politics.

Education

The teaching consists of seminars. The seminars are compulsory. Absence requires submission of compensatory assignments. More information about these assignments are provided by the teacher at the start of the course.

The language of instruction is English.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined by two take-home examinations (memos).

Information about how the course grade is aggregated, based on the different examination parts, are to be found in the grading criteria.

The course is examined in English.

b. Grades will be set according to a seven point scale related to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent

B = Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Inadequate, some more work is required

F = Totally inadequate, a lot more work is required

c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria as of course start.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on all examinations, complete all mandatory assignments and meet the attendance requirement.

e. At least two examination opportunities will be offered for each course. Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the Director of Studies.

Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

f. The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade on course modules examined on the basis of a take-home exam may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade. The assignment should be submitted within a week of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited arguments – will receive the grade E. Adequate corrections of simple mistakes related to formatting will be graded using the grades A-E. Supplementary assignments are never allowed for written examinations.

Interim

When the course is no longer offered or when its content has been significantly modified, the student has the right to be examined according to this syllabus once each semester during a period of three semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Required reading

The literature list will be posted on <http://www.statsvet.su.se/english/education/courses-and-programmes/second-level>.

The literature list will be available at least two months before the course starts.