

Education plan

for

Master's Programme in Global Political Economy
Masterprogram i Global politisk ekonomi

120.0 Higher Education
Credits
120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code:	EH800
Valid from:	Autumn 2021
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Department:	Department of Economic History and International Relations

Decision

The Program Plan was taken by the Faculty Board of Social Sciences 2014-09-03. Revised 2021-01-29.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Completed researches for BA or equivalent degree including 90 credits in Economic History, International Relations, Global Development or equivalent topics as history, human geography, economics, anthropology, sociology or political science including a thesis or other independent project of at least 15 credits. Special requirements: English B or equivalent.

Programme structure

The Master's Programme introduces the growing field of Global Political Economy and relevant areas and mainstream theoretical starting point used in the research field. The programme encourages students to think in a reflective and challenging way about issues like global financial crisis, international trade, global division of labor, gender politics, global security, global governance, and what happens when new transnational actors impact the international systems on all levels. The program highlights three main perspectives that run through all courses and will serve as guiding principles to understand the emergence of GPE and its roots and implications in world affairs today: economics, history and power.

The master programme in Global political economy prepares the student for a future academic or professional career with qualified positions in private and public activities, in various interest organizations and international organizations. The program develops the student's ability to independent and critical assessment, ability to independently solve problems and ability to follow the development of knowledge at the research front. The program provides both breadth and in-depth study of the scientific study of global political economy and develops the student's analytical ability and methodological skills.

The program provides the necessary tools to analyze the international community's evolution and the making of our world order, especially in the post-War period. The program will prepare students for a professional as well as scientific career.

The education consists of mandatory and elective courses. The instructions are given in English. The programme provides the students with entry requirements to be accepted to third-cycle qualification in Economic History and International Relations.

Goals

Apart from the general goals stated in chapter 1, paragraph 9 of the Higher Education Act, the following goals

apply in accordance with the Higher Education ordinance:

Knowledge and understanding

After having completed the programme, the student is expected to be able to:

- knowledge and understanding in the main area of study, including both broad knowledge in the field, significant in-depth knowledge in certain parts of the area as well as in-depth insight into current research and development work,
- in-depth methodological knowledge in the main area of study

Competence and skills

After having completed the programme, the student is expected to be able to:

- show the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyze, assess and handle complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information,
- demonstrate the ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues, to plan and with appropriate methods carry out qualified assignments within given time frames and thereby contribute to the development of knowledge and to evaluate the work,
- demonstrate the ability to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different groups, both orally and internationally, and
- demonstrate the skills required to participate in research- and development work or to work independently in other qualified activities.

Judgement and approach

After having completed the programme, the student is expected to be able to:

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments within the main area of study with regard to relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects and show awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work,
- show insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it is used, and
- show the ability to identify their need for additional knowledge and to take responsibility for their knowledge development.

Courses

First semester:

- Introduction to Global Political Economy (15 HECs.) Economic History/International Relations (Mandatory)
- Qualitative Methods (7.5 HECS.) Economic History/International Relations (Mandatory)
- Quantitative Methods (7.5 HECs.) Economic History/International Relations (Mandatory)

Second Semester:

- Elective courses of 30 HECs (Internship 15 or 30 HECs)

Semester 3:

Elective courses Advanced level 15 HECs

Alt.

Internship 15 HECS

- Research design (7,5 HECs.) Economic History/International Relations (Mandatory)
- Advanced Qualitative Methods (7.5 HECs.) Economic History/International Relations (Mandatory)

Alt.

- Advanced Quantitative Methods (7.5 HECs.) Economic History/International Relations (Mandatory)

Semester 4:

- Master's Thesis/Essay Course in Economic History with a specialization in global political economy (30 HECs.)

or

Master's Thesis/Essay Course in International Relations with a specialization in global political economy (30 HECs.)

The elective courses are given in economic history, international relations or in both main areas. Elective courses are chosen in consultation with the director of studies. The range of elective courses at the department is announced at <http://www.ekohist.su.se> no later than 15 September before the spring term and 15 March before the autumn term.

Degree

The programme leads to a Master of Science degree (filosofie mastersexamen) in International Relations with a specialization in Global Political Economy, or in Economic History with a specialization in Global Political Economy, depending of the topic for the master essay.

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Students who have been accepted to the programme, but have not finished the programme within the planned two study years can request to be allowed to finish the programme after this programme plan is no longer applicable, which means that the limitations stated in the syllabi for the courses that are included in the programme still apply.

The language of instruction in this programme is English.