Department of Media Studies

Stockholm University

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Methodology II
Metodologi II

7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	MK7032
Valid from:	Autumn 2016
Date of approval:	2015-01-07
Department	Department of Media Studies
Main field:	Communications Studies/Media and Communication Studies
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was established by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2015-11-11 and adopted by the Board of the Department of Media Studies 2016-02-03

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in Media and Communication Studies or equivalent including a thesis of at least 15 ECTS credits or equivalent. English B/English 6.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
MET2	Methodology II	7.5

Course content

The course assesses a spectrum of interpretative and explanatory Humanistic and Social Science methodologies used within Media and Communication Studies. The relevance of different methods for the study of media structures, production, content, and audience studies are discussed and critically reviewed during the course.

Learning outcomes

Having completed the course the student should demonstrate;
- a deeper understanding and increased abilities in different types of research methods which are used within media and communication studies, as well as the;
- improved capacity to relate to them critically. The student has further demonstrated an ability to formulate an individual methods project.

Education

Tuition takes place primarily in the form of lectures, seminars, and applications of methods.

Forms of examination

a.) The course is examined through individually written take-home assignments. For more detailed information, please see the course description.

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
F = Fail

c.) Written grading criteria are announced when the course begins. Aforementioned grading criteria are binding.

d.) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade E minimum on all mandatory assignments and attend at least 100% of classes. Exceptions to the attendance rule are made in case of illness or under other special circumstances. The student may then be required to submit a supplementary assignment.

e.) For each course occasion, at least two opportunities for examination must be offered during the same semester. At least one examination opportunity shall also be given during semesters or years when the course is not offered. Students with a passing grade (E or higher) may not retake the exam for a higher grade. 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 particular reasons to deny students this right. Such requests should be made to the Department Board. The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade on the home assignment may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade.

f.) The supplementary assignment should be submitted within a week of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections are graded A-E.

Interim

When the syllabus has been discontinued, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree with other courses, completed in Sweden or elsewhere, with identical or partially overlapping content.

Required reading

Literature for the course is available at www.ims.su.se no later than two months ahead of the first class.