

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Environment, Markets and Politics
Miljö, marknad och politik

7.5 Higher Education
Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	SV8003
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Department	Department of Political Science
Subject	Political Science

Decision

The syllabus has been approved by the Head of the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2016-03-22. Date of last revision, 2019-06-13.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS) in a social science subject with a degree project worth at least 15 credits

or

Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS) with a degree project worth at least 15 credits in one of the following main fields of study:

- Geography with a specialisation in human geography
- History with a specialisation in environmental history
- Law with a specialisation in environmental law
- Environmental science with a social science specialisation

and English proficiency equivalent to English 6.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
8001	Environment, markets and politics	7.5

Course content

The course offers deepened insight into how political and economic processes and dynamics both give rise to, and contribute to solutions for environmental problems. Specifically, the course focuses on questions of market failure and externalization problems, market equilibrium and efficiency, rational choice models of economic action, welfare theorems, democracy and environmental issues, environmental policy-making, the role of the state in environmental issues, as well as the relationship between economic growth and environmental impact in an historical perspective.

Learning outcomes

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

1. Knowledge and Understanding□

- Identify and explain the different ways in which market and politics impact environmental issues.□
- Describe central theories on the relationship between the state, market and environment, in a contemporary as well as an historical perspective.

2. Skills and Abilities□

- Analyze central scientific approaches to studying the role of the state and market in environmental issues.

3. Evaluation and Approach□

- Critically problematize central theories on the role and actions of the state and market regarding natural resources and environmental issues.

Education

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars. The lectures and 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 a take-home examination.

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 this 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.