

# Education plan

for

**Bachelor's Programme in International Business and Politics**  
**Kandidatprogram i internationell företagsekonomi och politik**

**180.0 Higher Education**  
**Credits**  
**180.0 ECTS credits**

**Programme code:** SIFPK  
**Valid from:** Autumn 2018  
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**Department:** Stockholm Business School

## Decision

This programme syllabus was approved by the Social Sciences Faculty Board on 2017-06-07.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school courses English B, Mathematics C and Social Sciences A or equivalent.

## Programme structure

The Bachelor's programme in International Business and Politics is provided by Stockholm Business School at Stockholm University as a cohesive study programme covering a wide range of subject areas, with a focus on Business Administration as the main field of study.

The programme is a collaboration with the Department of Political Science and the Department of Economic History. Besides Business Administration, the programme offers course in Economic History and International Relations during semester 3 and in Political Science during semester 4.

The language of instruction on all courses is English.

The programme is based on a variety of humanities and social-science perspectives that enable problematisation and critical/creative analyses of various phenomena, trends and changes in modern society, culture and business life, thereby creating an understanding of how we, in interaction with these phenomena and processes, are shaped as thinking, feeling and acting human beings.

## Goals

The aim of the programme is to produce formative knowledge and experiences through which students will learn to think innovatively, develop their self-knowledge and personal initiative, as well as apply these abilities in qualified management positions in society, markets, businesses and other organisations, both in Sweden and internationally.

In addition to the general objectives in Chapter 1, Section 8 of the Higher Education Act, the programme uses the learning objectives from the Higher Education Ordinance listed below.

For a Degree of Bachelor, students must:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of business administration, including knowledge of the scientific basis of the fields, knowledge of applicable methods in the fields, in-depth knowledge of some part of each

field, as well as a general sense of current research issues.

#### Skills and abilities

- demonstrate an ability to seek, gather, evaluate and critically interpret information that is relevant to a problem, and to critically discuss phenomena, issues and situations;
- demonstrate an ability to independently identify, formulate and solve problems, and to perform tasks within specified time limits;
- demonstrate an ability to present and discuss information, problems and solutions in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing;
- demonstrate the skills required to work independently in the field of study.

#### Judgement and approach

- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in the fields of business administration, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects;
- demonstrate an understanding of the role of knowledge in society and people's responsibility for how this knowledge is used;
- demonstrate an ability to identify their need of further knowledge and develop their expertise.

### **Courses**

This section lists the courses that are included in the programme. Each course has its own syllabus.

#### Semester 1

This semester comprises four mandatory first-cycle courses worth a total of 30 Higher Education credits (HE). The courses are provided by Stockholm Business School.

- Principles of Marketing, 7.5 HE credits;
- Principles of Accounting, 7.5 HE credits;
- Principles of Finance, 7.5 HE credits;
- Principles of Management, 7.5 HE credits.

#### Semester 2

This semester comprises four mandatory first-cycle courses worth a total of 30 HE credits. The courses are provided by Stockholm Business School.

- Global Consumer Society, 7.5 HE credits;
- Global Markets, 7.5 HE credits;
- Business, Politics and Culture, 7.5 HE credits;
- Global Business Ethics, 7.5 HE credits.

#### Semester 3

International Relations, undergraduate level, 30 HE credits. The courses aim to give a basic understanding for the fields of study International Relations and Economic History and to develop the knowledge and skills that the students attained during semester 1 & 2.

#### Semester 4

Political Science, undergraduate level, 30 HE credits. The courses aim to give a basic understanding for the fields of study Political Science and to develop the knowledge and skills that the students attained during semester 1, 2 & 3.

#### Semester 5

This semester comprises optional courses worth 30 HE credits. These courses can be taken at Stockholm Business School, other departments at Stockholm University, or other universities in Sweden or abroad.

#### Semester 6

This semester comprises three undergraduate courses worth a total of 30 HE credits. The semester includes an advanced subject course, a method course and a Bachelor's thesis. The main field of study is Business Administration.

Requirements: 120 HE credits including at least 45 HE credits in Business Administration from semester 1 and 2. For students with a concentration in Finance, the requirements are also 15 HE credits in statistics.

### **Degree**

The programme leads to a Degree of Bachelor of Science with Business Administration as the main field of study.

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Before each semester, the departments participating in the programme will determine which courses will be available as optional and/or recommended courses. These courses will be announced on a special list.

The programme follows a bound study path, which means that the courses should be completed in a specific order. Some courses in the programme may be taken together with students from other programmes.

In order to be registered for the degree project in the sixth semester, students must have completed at least 120 HE credits in the programme.

Students who have been admitted to the programme and not finished it within the three planned years of study may request to finish the programme even after the education plan has been discontinued. This is subject to the restrictions specified in the syllabi for the courses included in the programme.