

Department of Political Science

Syllabus

for course at advanced level Development goals in Asia Utvecklingsmål i Asien

7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:SV9003Valid from:Spring 2021Date of approval:2020-10-20

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 Department Board of the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2020-10-20.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in social science and English 6.

Course structure

Examination codeNameHigher Education Credits9003Development goals in Asia7.5

Course content

The course aims to impart knowledge about political, economic and social development in Asia. The specific purpose is to study the development goals set for the region and the extent to which these have been achieved. Geographically, the course is focused on South and Southeast Asia, but comparisons are made with other parts of Asia. Particular emphasis is placed on the problems that arise in planning and implementation, the actual obstacles to sustainable development.

Learning outcomes

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

- 1.Knowledge and understanding: Demonstrate broad and in-depth knowledge of how the work to achieve development goals in Asia is carried out, as well as the obstacles that stand in the way.
- 2.Skill and ability: Demonstrate the ability to critically analyze various historical examples of development and to be able to relate these to relevant theories.
- 3. Evaluation and approach: Demonstrate the ability to evaluate both theories of development as well as empirical representations of planning and implementation of development goals.

Education

The teaching consists of lectures and 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 an oral examination, minor written assignments and a take-home exam. 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=Inadequate, much 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.

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 available at least two months before the course starts.