

Education plan

for

Master's Programme in Journalism Studies

Masterprogram i journalistikstudier

120.0 Higher Education

Credits

120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code:

HMJOA

Valid from:

Autumn 2023

Date of approval:

2023-01-25

Department:

Department of Media Studies

Decision

The Faculty of Humanities at Stockholm University approved the syllabus on January 25th 2023

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree of at least 180 ECTS credits or equivalent in a social science, humanities or technical subject and English 6.

Programme structure

The Master's Programme in Journalism Studies revolves around theoretical and empirical research on the power and role of journalism in society, its production processes and structural conditions, as well as how journalism is used and interpreted by the audience. The program approaches these areas from a perspective of change, with a particular focus on journalism's digitization and democratic roles.

The first semester contains three compulsory program courses: an introduction to journalism as a field of scientific research; a specialized course focusing on media economics and editorial structures; and, a course providing an overview of the most widely-used research methods in the field. The first semester also includes a mandatory, faculty-wide course in research ethics and scientific knowledge.

The second semester contains two elective courses at the advanced level within the main field of journalism totaling 15 credits and two additional elective courses totaling 15 credits.

The third semester is devoted to research methodology through two compulsory courses totaling 15 credits, which are preparatory for thesis work. The semester also includes two elective courses totaling 15 credits. The fourth and final semester is devoted entirely to the MA thesis, where students prepare and conduct independent work within the field of journalism studies.

The program aims to provide advanced theoretical and methodological knowledge in the subject, preparing students for independent research work and for qualified tasks in the journalism and media sector. The program also provides students with a foundation for doctoral studies.

The program is comprised of four semesters of full-time study.

Goals

Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits)

Knowledge and understanding

Upon completion the student should be able demonstrate:

- knowledge and understanding of the main area of Journalism Studies, including broad knowledge of the area, in-depth knowledge of selected areas of the subject and in-depth insight into current research and intellectual developments within the subject;
- in-depth methodological knowledge in the field.

Competence and skills

Upon completion the student should be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- critically and systematically integrate knowledge, and to analyze, assess, and manage complex phenomena, questions, and situations, even with limited information;
- critically, independently, and creatively identify and formulate research questions and plan and use adequate methods to carry out qualified tasks within given time frames, thereby contributing to the development of knowledge and evaluating this work;
- clearly explain and discuss their conclusions, as well as the knowledge and arguments that underlie them, both orally and in writing, in national and international contexts and in dialogue with different groups;
- apply skills required to participate in research and development work, or to work independently with other related qualified activities.

Judgement and approach

Upon completion the student should be able to:

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in Journalism Studies with regard to relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects, as well as demonstrate 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 in how it is used; and, to show the ability to identify the need for additional knowledge and to take responsibility for knowledge development.

Courses

The programme consists of two full years of study, amounting to 120 ECTS Credits.

The programme consists of following mandatory courses:

1. Introduction to Journalism Studies, 7,5 Credits (Advanced Level, Main Field Journalism)
2. The Economics and Organization of Journalism, 7,5 Credits (Advanced Level, Main Field Journalism)
3. Methods in Journalism Studies I, 7,5 Credits (Advanced Level, Main Field Journalism)
4. Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7,5 Credits (Advanced Level, Main Field Philosophy)
5. Methodology II, 7,5 Credits (Advanced Level, Main Field Media and Communication Studies)
6. Method Project, 7,5 Credits (Advanced Level, Main Field Media and Communication Studies)
7. Journalism- Master's (120 credits) course (Advanced Level, Main Field Journalism)

Study rout

Semester 1

Introduction to Journalism Studies, 7,5 Credits

The Economics and Organization of Journalism, 7,5 Credits

Methods in Journalism Studies I, 7,5

Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7,5 Credits

Semester 2

Elective course of total of total 7,5 Credits within Main Field Journalism

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Optional courses of total 15 Credits

Semester 3

Methodology II, 7,5 Credits

Method Project, 7,5 Credits

Optional courses of total 15 Credits

Termin 4

Journalistik - masterkurs, 30 hp (avancerad nivå, huvudområde journalistik)

For more detailed information, consult the course plan for each respective and elective course. For specified entrance requirements for (elective) courses as well as courses of ability, see each respective course plan.

For Master's Degree at least 15 Credits of the elective courses must be in the Main Field Journalism on Advanced level. 30 Credits of the optional courses may be on Basic Level (first cycle).

The Departments Elective courses are announced on the department web page and University course catalogue.

Degree

The programme leads to a Master's of Arts in the main field Journalism.

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When an education plan is cancelled the student is entitled to finish their education according to the existing plan of education. This can occur during a period of phasing-out, comprising the programme's nominal running time, plus two years. During this phase, the limits stated in the course plan for the courses included in the programme are valid in the first instance; in the second instance the equivalent education is offered.