UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

SK2412 Internship for the Master's Programme in Political Science, 15 credits

Praktik för Masterprogrammet i statsvetenskap, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Political Science on 2014-06-19 and was last revised on 2023-06-20 to be valid from 2023-08-28, autumn semester of 2023.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%
Department: Department of Political Science

Position in the educational system

The course is given as an optional course in the Master's Programme in Political Science. The course is an in-depth course in Political Science in the second cycle.

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Master's Programme in Political Science (S2PSC)

Main field of studies	*Specialization*
Political Science	A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

Admission to the course requires the successful completion of a minimum of 15 credits as well as attending a 15 credits course in the Master's Programme in Political Science. Applicants must prove their knowledge of English: English 6/English B from Swedish Upper Secondary School or the equivalent.

Learning outcomes

A student who has passed the course will be able to:

Competence and skills

- apply knowledge from coursework to carry out independent and advanced tasks in an organization working with questions related to the education
- independently produce text in accordance with academic practice, including proper citation technique and use of references
- independently produce analytical work (in the form of e.g., written reports, presentations, videos, or other kind of media) of substantive relevance to the organization hosting the internship
- orally and in writing discuss, present, and assess the internship experience
- communicate proficiently in English both orally and in writing.

Judgement and approach

- communicate thorough reflections on how the education provided by the Master's Programme in Political Science has prepared the intern for the internship assignments
- communicate thorough reflections on how the internship experience has and can influence future career plans and professional direction
- communicate insights on how the internship has improved networking, organizational and communicative skills.

Course content

The course consists of a guided internship in an organization in Sweden or abroad, including the production of at least one work task of substantive relevance to the organization hosting the internship.

The assignments during the internship should be advanced in character and of relevance to the interns' education and career plans. The student is responsible for identifying, contacting, and making arrangements with the organization. Internship placement requires approval by the internship coordinator at the Department in Political Science in consultation with the course coordinator if needed in order to qualify for credits. There shall be an internship agreement defining the responsibilities of the intern and the internship organization shall provide an advisor for the intern.

Form of teaching

The teaching consists of a guided internship and a final internship fair, internship seminar or video presentation.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

Students will be examined based on their performance on the writing of an internship report discussing and assessing the internship experience, one or several work samples, a brochure and an evaluation form completed by the supervisor at the internship organization. In addition, the course is assessed by participation in an internship fair, seminar or by a video presentation. Detailed information about the assessments can be found in the course guide.

Students can be asked to re-work graded assignments and re-submit them. If the student does not re-submit the reworked assignment on time, the student will be failed on the assignment.

A student who is not able to attend a compulsory part of the course can do an alternative assignment. The assignment will be described in the course guide.

If a student, who has failed the same examined component twice, wishes to change examiner before the next examination, a written application shall be sent to the department responsible for the course and shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

At least two occasions shall be offered the students to pass a course or part of a course (Chapter 6, Section 21 of Higher Education Ordinance).

In cases where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student shall normally be guaranteed at least three examination occasions (including the ordinary examination) during a period of at least one year from the last time the course was given. This may not be in conflict with Chapter 6 Section 21 of Higher Education Ordinance.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass (G) and Fail (U).
In order to pass the course (G), the student needs to pass all the assignments.

Course evaluation

The student will be given the opportunity to do a course evaluation. The results of and possible changes to the course will be shared with students who participated in the evaluation and students who are starting the course.

Additional information

Additional costs in relation to the internship are the responsibility of the student.

The Department of Political Science follows the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (UD) travel recommendations for travelling abroad. This means that if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises against (all or unnecessary trips) travel to a specific country, region or city, that advise applies to all study-related trips. Hence, a student will not be

examined on the internship course if the student proceeds with an internship in a country/region/city that the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs advice against travel to, at the start of the course.