



SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES

GS2531 Global Studies: Master Thesis (one year), 15 higher education credits

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Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Faculty of Social Sciences on 2007-11-05 and was last revised on 2013-10-08 by Department of Global Studies to be valid from 2013-11-04, autumn semester of 2013.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: School of Global Studies

Position in the educational system

The course Global Studies: Master Thesis (one year), 15 higher education credits, is a programme course included in the Master Programme in Global Studies. The course is a master thesis course for students who are doing a Master degree (one year) in Global Studies. It can also be studied as a single subject course.

Main field of studies

Global Studies

Specialization

A1E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits)

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course, *Global Studies: Master Thesis (one year)*, one completed core course in the second cycle in global studies, one completed in depth course in the second cycle in global studies, and the completion of the course *Research Design and Methods* (15 higher education credits), or the equivalent competence, is required. A good command of English is vital. Requirements are: Swedish Gymnasium Engelska B with at least a Pass mark, or a valid test of English as a foreign language, or alternatively a Bachelor's degree from an education held in English.

Learning outcomes

The aim of the module is to increase the capacity of the students to write and verbally argue scientifically and position themselves in relation to the ongoing debate concerning a particular scientific research problem. After completion of the module the student shall be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- identify and critically reflect on ethical aspects of the research process and its results;

Skills and abilities

- independently delimit and formulate a scientific problem;
- approach the scientific problem in a critical and analytical way;
- systematically and methodologically collect and compile data relevant to the research question;
- show the interlinkages between methodology and theory;
- show proficiency in academic writing;
- communicate research results, orally and in writing, in dialogue with different audiences;
- systematically, critically and constructively comment on scientific written work;

Judgment and approach

- argue for the justification of the choice of method and delimitation of the scientific problem, as well as the theoretical approach.

Course content

Each student will learn how to conduct a qualified and scientific study within a given space of time. The assignment is to write a master thesis showing the student's capacity to critically and scientifically analyze a scientific problem within the field of global studies. The purpose of the master thesis is for the student to develop, exercise and demonstrate an expertise in the particular field of the thesis, as well as general scholarly competence. During the writing process you will have an advisor from whom you will receive advice and substantive guidance. The master thesis will be defended at a special seminar with participation of the examiner and the other graduate students. Students are also required to act opponent on another student's work.

Form of teaching

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

Progress on the learning outcomes will be examined through the master thesis as well as the defense of this at a seminar chaired by an examiner. Part of the examination is also to comment on another student's master thesis.

A student who has failed the examination twice has the right to change examiner, unless weighty argument can be adduced. Application in written shall be sent to the board of the department. The number of examinations is limited to five occasions.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Fail (U), Pass (G), Pass with Distinction (VG).

Course evaluation

The person/persons responsible for the course are required to ensure that student evaluations are regularly collected, communicated to the students and taken into account in the development of the course.