



## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

### **HI1450 History of the Swedish Welfare State , 15 higher education credits**

Det svenska välfärdssamhällets historia, 15 högskolepoäng

*First Cycle*

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#### **Confirmation**

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Historical Studies on 2014-03-19 to be valid from 2014-04-01, autumn semester of 2014.

*Field of education:* Arts 100%

*Department:* Department of Historical Studies

#### **Position in the educational system**

*Main field of studies*

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*Specialization*

G1N, First Cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

#### **Entry requirements**

General entrance requirements

#### **Learning outcomes**

After completion of the course the student is expected to be able to:

##### **Knowledge and understanding**

- describe the significant traits and chronology of the Swedish welfare state
- describe the joint influence of the social, economic and political forces that led to the formation of the Swedish welfare state

##### **Skills and abilities**

- discuss and problematize the Swedish welfare state in an international perspective

- discuss and problematize different interpretations of the welfare state as historical phenomena

### **Critical thinking and approach**

- analyse the welfare state from an ideological and political perspective including class and gender aspects in the analysis

### **Course content**

The course gives an overview over the history of the Swedish welfare state. The course discusses the character of the Swedish welfare state as well as its historical and ideological roots. Significant social, economic and political developments during the 20th century will be dealt with. Some international comparisons will be done.

The course is divided into two different parts

- 1) The formation of the Swedish welfare state, 7.5 HEC
- 2) The character and transformation of the Swedish welfare state, 7.5 HEC

### **Form of teaching**

*Language of instruction:* English

### **Assessment**

Exams are administered through individual written exams.

A student who has failed the exam twice has the right to change examiner. In such case a written application should be sent in to the Department. The total number of examination occasions is limited to five.

In cases where a course has been discontinued or major changes have been made a student should be guaranteed at least three examination occasions (including the ordinary examination occasion) during a time of at least one year from the last time the course was given.

### **Grades**

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

Students included in the ERASMUS program have the right to grading according to the ECTS scales.

### **Course evaluation**

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