JU1207   Investigative Journalism, 30 credits

Undersökande journalistik, 30 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Journalism, Media and Communication on 2022-05-16 to be valid from 2022-09-01, autumn semester of 2022.

Field of education: Other 100%
Department: Department of Journalism, Media and Communication

Position in the educational system

The course is included in the journalist program (S1JOU) that lead to a Degree of Bachelor in journalism.
The course is an advanced course and lies on the fifth semester of the programme.

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Journalism Programme (S1JOU)

Main field of studies	*Specialization*
Journalism	G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

Qualified to enter the course the one that has passed on earlier courses and modules in the journalist program (S1JOU) equivalent to at least 67,5 higher education credits.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding
- Define and describe the journalistic genres investigative journalism and data journalism.

Competence and skills
- Apply basic methods and tools to gather, process, analyze, present and visualize data in a journalistic perspective.
- Produce publishable investigative journalism of high quality, in collaboration with other and within given time frames.
- Show ability to map journalistic workplaces and present custom made ideas to them.

Judgement and approach
- Evaluate data and data journalism from a source-critical and ethical perspective.
- Make independent journalistic and ethical assessments of journalistic work processes and products

Course content

The course mainly deals with the journalistic specializations data journalism and investigative journalism.

Sub-courses

1. **Data Journalism and Visualization** *(Datajournalistik och visualisering),* 9 credits
   Grading scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U)
   Learning outcomes covered in this course:

   - Define and describe the journalistic genres investigative journalism and data journalism.
   - Apply basic methods and tools to gather, process, analyze, present and visualize data in a journalistic perspective.
   - Evaluate data and data journalism from a source-critical and ethical perspective.

2. **Investigative journalism: Theoretical perspectives** *(Undersökande journalistik: Teori),* 5 credits
   Grading scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U)
   Learning outcomes covered in this course:

   - Define and describe the journalistic genres investigative journalism and data journalism.
   - Make independent journalistic and ethical assessments of journalistic work processes and products

3. **Applied Investigative Journalism** *(Undersökande journalistik: Praktik),* 15 credits
   Grading scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U)
   Learning outcomes covered in this course:

- Apply basic methods and tools to gather, process, analyze, present and visualize data in a journalistic perspective.
- Produce publishable investigative journalism of high quality, in collaboration with other and within given time frames.
- Evaluate data and data journalism from a source-critical and ethical perspective.
- Make independent journalistic and ethical assessments of journalistic work processes and products

4. **Internship preparation** *(Praktikförberedande kurs),* 1 credits

Grading scale: Pass (G) and Fail (U)

Learning outcomes covered in this course:

- Show ability to map journalistic workplaces and present custom made ideas to them.

Form of teaching

The course is based lectures, seminars, supervision, exercises and workshops

Language of instruction is Swedish, but teaching in English or Scandinavian languages can occur.

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Assessment

Examination	Credits	Module	Grades	Form	Individual/Group
Data journalistic tools	4	Data journalism and visualization	Fail/Pass	Workshops with exercises	Individual
Data journalism project	5	Data journalism and visualization	Fail/Pass/Pass with distinction	Written assignment and seminars	Group + individual
The best investigation	2	Investigative journalism - Theory	Fail/Pass	Seminars and written assignment	Group + individual
Reflection	3	Investigative journalism - Theory	Fail/Pass/Pass with distinction	Written assignment	Individual
Project Work	12	Applied investigative	Fail/Pass/Pass with	Hand in assignment	Group

		journalism	distinction	and seminars	
Project report, individual	3	Examining journalism: application	Fail/Pass	Written assignment	Individual
My internship	1	Preparing internship	Fail/Pass	Written assignment	Individual

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).

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

Grades
The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).
To pass (Pass) in the course are required passed in all modules.

Requirements to get Pass with distinction on each module:

Module	Requirements
Data journalism and Visualization	Pass with distinction on Data journalism project
Investigative journalism: Theoretical perspectives	Pass with distinction on Reflection
Applied investigative journalism	Pass with distinction on Project
Internship preparation	Distinction not available

To get Pass with distinction on the course, it is required to get Pass with distinction on the Project and one other module where it possible to get that grade.

Course evaluation
Written course evaluation is continuously made and at the end of the semester the Results are compiled and are used in the continuous quality assurance procedures of the department.

Results and possible changes of the set-up of the course are communicated via Canvas to the students who have gone the course and that not become passed, and to the students who start the course.