



DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

MK1604 Comparing Media Systems around the World: the Past, Present and Future, 7.5 credits

Mediesystem i världen, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication on 2017-03-10 and was last revised on 2020-03-22 by Department of Journalism, Media and Communication to be valid from 2020-03-22, autumn semester of 2020.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: Department of Journalism, Media and Communication

Position in the educational system

The course is given as a single subject course and as a course for Erasmus exchange students.

Main field of studies

Media and Communication Studies

Specialization

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

One year of studies in the area of Social Sciences.

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the scientific basis and key areas of media systems including both traditional media and social media.

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of historical development of media systems.

Competence and skills

Demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge to be able to analyze and compare media systems.

Demonstrate the ability to describe media systems in different cultural contexts.

Demonstrate the ability to orally and in writing clearly present and discuss your conclusions and the knowledge and arguments behind them.

Judgement and approach

Demonstrate the ability to make nuanced assessments with consideration of relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects of different media systems.

Course content

The course is a broad and general introduction to the concept of media systems encompassing both traditional mass media and social media embedded in societal structures. The emphasis is placed in comparative perspectives. It includes tracing the development and transformation of media over time as well as discussing differences around the world with a wide range of cases from Sweden and from other countries. Media systems will be analyzed during the course from political, economic, and cultural viewpoints, providing all together a nuanced understanding of media in the contemporary life.

Form of teaching

Main teaching methods are lectures, workshops and seminars.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

Assessment is based on three mandatory exams:

Assessment	Grades	Credits
1. Case Study	P/F	1
2. Media content analysis	P/F	2
3. Analysis of media Systems	D/P/F	4,5

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 obtain the grade Pass for whole the course, the grade Pass on all three assessments is required. To obtain the grade Pass with Distinction for the whole course, Pass with Distinction on assessment 3, Analysis of media systems, is also required.

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

For more detailed information about the course, see current study guide.