

Education plan

for

International Master's Programme in Political Science
Internationellt masterprogram i statsvetenskap

120.0 Higher Education
Credits
120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code:	STVEO
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Department:	Department of Political Science

Decision

The education plan was established by the Institution of Social Sciences Faculty Board at Stockholm University 2008-12-11. Date of latest revision 2017-06-07.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree with political science as main subject along with Swedish upper secondary school course English B, or equivalent.

Programme structure

The programme provides both breadth and depth in the scientific study of politics. Students develop a deeper understanding of the theoretical and practical dimensions of the subject along with enhancing analytical and methodological skills and abilities that can be used both professionally as well as in research. The programme consists of compulsory courses that are read jointly and also a number of optional theme courses. All courses are at an advanced level.

During the fourth semester the programme offers an opportunity for vocational internships with public authorities, companies or organisations worth 15, 22.5 or 30 credits. The internship can be replaced by exchange studies, or courses at an advanced level relevant to the programme that are chosen through consultation with the Director of Studies.

Goals

In addition to the general goals stated in the first chapter and 9th paragraph of the Higher Education Act, the Higher Education Ordinance Goals stated below also apply:

Knowledge and Understanding

To obtain a master's degree students shall:

- Demonstrate proficiency and understanding in political science, including broad knowledge within the field as well as substantially deeper knowledge of certain parts of that field in addition to a deeper insight into current research and developmental work,
- Demonstrate advanced methodological knowledge of political science.

Proficiency and Abilities

For a master's degree the student shall:

- Demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even with limited information,
- Demonstrate the ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues, as well as plan and carry out advanced tasks by using appropriate methods within specified time limits, thereby contributing to the development of knowledge and evaluating this work,
- Demonstrate the ability in national and international contexts, orally and in writing, to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments behind them, in dialogue with different groups,
- Demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development, or for independent work in other qualified tasks.

Assessment ability and approach

For a master's degree the student shall:

- Demonstrate the ability to perform assessments in political science by considering relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects, along with demonstrating awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work,
- Demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society and human responsibility for how it is used,
- Demonstrate the ability to identify the need for further knowledge and take responsibility for personal knowledge development.

Courses

The programme has the following layout. All courses are at an advanced level and within the main field of Political Science:

Semester 1

Analytical Perspectives and the Study of Power in the Social Sciences, in English, 15 credits

Two optional theme courses in political science, per the register from the institution, each course 7.5 credits

Semester 2

Analysis of Democracy, 7.5 credits

1 optional theme course in political science, per the register from the institution, 7.5 credits

Methods in Political Science, 15 credits

Semester 3

Independent Research Project in Political Science, 30 credits

Semester 4

Vocational internship, 15, 22.5 or 30 credits

and/or optional theme and/or method courses at an advanced level chosen in consultation with the Director of Studies, and/or exchange studies at an advanced level, maximum 30 credits

Degree

The programme leads to a Master's degree in Political Science.

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When the education plan is rescinded, the student has the right to complete the education according to the present curriculum during a settlement period comprising the programme's nominal duration plus two years. During this period the limitations stated in the syllabuses apply regarding the courses included in the education, and if necessary, equivalent education is offered.

The places in the optional courses are limited and are distributed according to the merit rating from admissions.

All course choices, exchange studies or internship during semester 4 are to be approved by the Director of Studies or the person appointed as responsible by the institution.

Advancement regulations within the programme: in order for students to register for the course Independent Research Project in Political Science, at least 37.5 credits within the programme must be completed, including

the course Methods in political science. In order to register for the internship course in semester 4, at least 60 credits within the programme must be completed. In order to register for exchange studies or courses in semester 4, the requirements for the specific exchange programme or course must be fulfilled.

For a master's degree the students shall, within the frame of the course requirements, have completed an independent research project (dissertation) in Political Science, comprised of 30 credits minimum.

The language of instruction is English.