

## **Introduction to Social Science Studies, 7,5 HE credits**

*Introduktion till samhällsvetenskapliga studier, 7,5 hp*

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### **Learning outcomes**

Upon completion of the course, the student shall be able to:

Knowledge and Understanding:

- Show knowledge and understanding concerning the fundamentals of social science studies.
- Display critical awareness of the interrelation between politics and economics.
- Show knowledge and understanding of academic writing.

Skills & Application:

- Be able to conduct different analytical tasks within a given time frame successfully.
- Be able to write and read critically: recognise and understand the authors' arguments, discern the underlying assumptions, and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.
- Think about real-world problems in an abstract way.
- Display the necessary skills to both write and speak about theoretical matters in the social sciences.

Ethical Appreciation:

- Have basic understanding and awareness concerning different ontological and epistemological perspectives in social science, political science and economics.
- Have capability to work in a diverse socio-cultural context.

### **Entry requirements**

General entry requirements

**You also need:** Mathematics 2a or Mathematics 2b or Mathematics 2c, Social Studies 1b or Social Studies 1a1 +1a2

### **The forms of assessment of student performance**

The student is assessed through an individual written examination.

### **Course contents**

The focal concern of this course is to orient and familiarise the student with social science

studies and academic writing. To achieve these goals, the course covers two interrelated components:

- An introduction to social science, political science and economics.
- An introduction to academic writing.

The International Programme for Politics and Economics (IPPE) at University West is an open creative interdisciplinary thinking space – exploring the intersections between politics and economics in multiple issue areas and diverse sites across different world regions. IPPE aims to highlight that social forces are not only local and national in scope, but also regional and global. IPPE is often concerned to link academic enquiry with policy and other practice. The programme's vision is provoked by 'real world' situations and a wish to produce knowledge that contributes to a better understanding of change over time. In short, IPPE is intellectually pluralist and is therefore not a 'project' with a single line of aims, questions, theories and methods, but more a conversation and cross-fertilisation among diverse approaches.

### **Other regulations**

Course grading: F/Fx/E/D/C/B/A - Insufficient, Insufficient- more work required before the credit can be awarded, Sufficient, Satisfactory, Good, Very Good, Excellent

Course language: The teaching is conducted in English.

A student who does not fully meet the learning outcomes of a non-supervised examination (hemtentamen), but is close to the grade "pass" can, after a decision by the examiner, be allowed to complement (kan skriva supplement eller revise också) an examination assignment in order to reach the criteria for pass. For supervised examination (salstentamen) complementing is not allowed. Complementing of an examination must be individually adapted based on the learning outcomes or objectives that were not achieved by a student. It must take place within two weeks after informing the student of the examination result and before the next examination opportunity.

General rules pertaining to examination at University West are available at [www.hv.se](http://www.hv.se).

If the student has a decision/recommendation on special support due to disability, the examiner has the right to examine the student in a customized examination form.

### **Course Overlap**

GEO100

### **Cycle**

First cycle

### **Progressive specialization**

G1N - first cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

