Work Integrated Political Studies, 120 HE credits

Arbetsintegrerade politiska studier, masterprogram, 120 hp

Programme code: SAWIP
Higher education qualification: Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits) with a major in Work Integrated Learning with a Specialization in Political Studies
Cycle: Second cycle
Established: 2022-10-07
Established by: School of Business, Economics and IT
Applies for: Programme start autumn 2023

Entry requirements

Bachelot degree of 180 HE credits within the field of Social Science, or equivalent. Verified knowledge of English corresponding to the course English 6 in the Swedish Upper Secondary School or equivalent.

Language of instruction

The teaching is conducted in English.

Other regulations

A student who has been admitted to a programme with this programme syllabus is guaranteed a place on courses according to the study plan below, provided that the student follows the programme according to the study plan. The study plan and its courses may however be subject to change, within the framework of the qualitative targets, when revisions of education plans and syllabi are being made. Should the programme involve choosing a specialization, the student is guaranteed a place on courses concerning the chosen specialization.

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Qualitative target

National outcomes

Scope

A Degree of Master (120 credits) is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 120 credits with a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself, of which at least 60 credits are for specialised study in the principal field (main field of study) of the study programme. In addition the prior award of a Degree of Bachelor, a Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts, a professional or vocational qualification of at least 180 credits or a corresponding qualification from abroad is required. The requirement of the prior award of a qualification may be waived for a student admitted to the programme without the basic entry requirement in the form of a qualification. This does not, however, apply if a waiver was granted during admission pursuant to the second paragraph of Section 28 of Chapter 7 on the grounds that the qualification had not yet been issued.

Knowledge and understanding

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

Competence and skills

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) 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 identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

Judgement and approach

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work

- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

Independent project (degree project)
A requirement for the award of a Degree of Master (120 credits) is completion by the student of an independent project (degree project) for at least 30 credits in the main field of study. The degree project may comprise less than 30 credits, however no less than 15 credits, if the student has already completed an independent project in the second cycle for at least 15 credits in the main field of study or the equivalent from a programme of study outside Sweden.

Miscellaneous
Specific requirements determined by the each higher education institution itself within the parameters of the requirements laid down in this qualification descriptor shall also apply for a Degree of Master (120 credits) with a defined specialisation.

Courses that the study programme comprises

Course	Course code	HE credits	Level	Main field of study
Theory of Science and Applied Research Methods, Second Cycle	VTM620	15	A1N	Work Integrated Learning
WIL in Theory and Practice, Second Cycle	AIL600	15	A1N	Work Integrated Learning
Research internship, master	FPM600	15	A1F	Work Integrated Learning
WIL Reflection and Portfolio II, Second Cycle	AIL611	7,5	A1F	Work Integrated Learning
WIL: Reflection and Portfolio I, Second Cycle	AIL610	7,5	A1F	Work Integrated Learning
Degree Thesis in Work Integrated Learning with a Specialization in Political Studies, Master	EXP600	30	A2E	Work Integrated Learning

Elective courses within programme

Among the compulsory courses, 30 HE credits are electives. The number of these course options offered for each semester may vary depending on the number of seats. The elective course modules JOP600, FKS600, POK600 and POV601, are only given at certain times, and students have no guarantee to obtain a seat. You can choose from the following courses:

Course	Course code	HE credits	Level	Main field of study
Comparative Public Policy	JOP600	15	A1N	Political Science
European Politics	EUP600	15	A1N	Political Science
International Political Economy	IPE600	15	A1N	Political Science
Peace, Conflict and Security Studies	FKS600	15	A1N	Political Science
Political Communication	POK600	15	A1N	Political Science
Political perspectives of gender and sexuality	PPS600	15	A1N	Political Science
Political Violence	POV601	15	A1N	Political Science
Theoretical Perspectives of Race and Freedom	TPR600	15	A1N	Political Science

Description of compulsory courses

The study path presents the order and weeks courses in the programme are given. To see the programmes preliminary study path, enter the programme name / programme code at hv.se/en/student/studies/program-and-course-information/study-path/.

Entry requirements within the programme

In order to begin your final year of studies in the programme, you are required to have completed the course module WIL in Theory and Practice, Second Cycle, 15 HE credits (AIL600).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) has been a part of University West ever since it was founded and is our overarching profile. Our programmes, research, and collaborations all feature a

WIL element, and it permeates all that we do here. Together with our collaborators, who come from private, public, and civic areas of society, we develop and exchange knowledge that will lead to a sustainable world. As a student at University West, you will encounter work-integrated learning in several ways. This may be, for example, in the classroom or lecture hall, in your practical work, or in something you are involved in outside of the university setting. WIL clearly integrates theory and practice. The advantage of WIL is that you earn an academic degree while also gaining work experience, make contacts, and acquire practical competence. You are better equipped for employment, and are prepared for life-long learning, new insights, and cutting-edge research. WIL is part of our programmes and takes on various forms as we continue to develop our methods of integrating theory and practical knowledge.

Other

Within the framework of options within the programme, the student, depending on the focus of research internships and/or thesis work, also has the opportunity to choose other optional courses. Such elective courses must be at an advanced level. Such elective courses cannot overlap with compulsory courses or elective courses given within the programme. Before any course is completed, the student must have the course accepted by the programme manager as appropriate to be credited within the framework of the programme. The student must individually submit application for acknowledgement to get any course approved within the framework of the programme's degree title.