



FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master's Programme in Political Science, 120 credits

Masterprogrammet i Statsvetenskap, 120 högskolepoäng

Programme code: S2PSC

Second cycle / Avancerad nivå

1. Confirmation

This programme syllabus was confirmed by the Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 14-09-2017 (G 2017/527) and was last revised on 25-01-2024 (GU 2024/73) by the Faculty Board of Science to be valid from 14-03-2024, Autumn semester 2024.

Responsible Department/equivalent: Department of Political Science

Participating Departments:

Department of Journalism, Media and Communication

Department of Sociology and Work Science

School of Global Studies

2. Purpose

The programme aims to provide advanced knowledge and analytical skills of relevance to political science. To the benefit of the students, the several different in-depth courses elective within the programme demonstrate the strong research profiles of the department. The programme builds on a research oriented approach which requires the reading of research literature, independent writing, oral presentation and discussion. The programme puts special emphasis on independent work methods, critical assessment, the ability to solve problems, and the ability to produce high-quality texts and reports in accordance with academic principles. The programme equips the students with the knowledge and skills needed for professional careers in politics and public administration, as well as for post-graduate research.

3. Entry requirements

Eligible for the programme is the one who has

- a Bachelor's degree of 180 credits, or equivalent.
- at least 60 credits in the main field of political science (of which at least 30 credits from in-depth courses), or equivalent.

- English proficiency equivalent of English 6/English Course B.

Any other entry requirements are documented in the respective course syllabus.

4. Higher education qualification and main field of study

This programme leads to a Degree of Master of Science in Political Sciences (120 credits) with a major in Political Science (Politics masterexamen med huvudområdet Statsvetenskap).

5. Outcomes

After completing the programme the student should achieve the applicable outcomes for the relevant education cycle contained in the Swedish Higher Education Act (Swedish Code of Statutes – SFS 1992:1434) together with the relevant higher education qualification contained in the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance (Swedish Code of Statutes – SFS 1993:100, Qualifications Ordinance, Appendix 2).

Local outcomes

Furthermore, the student should achieve the following outcomes:

Knowledge and understanding

- Have an in-depth knowledge of the main perspectives and theories within the field of Political Science.
- Have an in-depth knowledge of the main concepts of Political Science.
- Have a comprehensive knowledge of the major research areas of Political Science.

Competence and skills

- Demonstrate an advanced capacity for critical assessment of research literature.
- Demonstrate an advanced capacity to produce texts independently and in accordance with academic principles, including proper citation technique and use of references.

Judgement and approach

- Demonstrate an in-depth ability to assess different ways of regarding political and social problems.

6. Content and structure

Every student takes one compulsory core course in political science, two to three elective in-depth courses in political science, one or two research methods courses in political science, and a final compulsory master's thesis in political science. Further the possibility to do a full or a half semester of internship is included.

The programme is a full-time study programme.

For more information about each course, see the course syllabus.

Please also see the appendix. MaPS per semester from H24.

7. Guaranteed admission

Students admitted to the program have general guaranteed admission to all compulsory courses within the programme provided that they 1) apply according to assigned administrative procedures, and 2) have completed the prerequisite courses. Students admitted to the program have limited guaranteed admission to the elective courses within the programme under the same conditions as above.

8. Transitional regulations

None.

9. Other information

- The programme is taught in English.
- The optional internship may take place at a location other than Gothenburg.
- Students will be required to pay their own expenses related to the optional internship.
- The study programme will be followed up and evaluated in accordance with the applicable *Policy för kvalitetssäkring och kvalitetsutveckling av utbildning vid Göteborgs universitet* (Policy for the Quality assurance and Quality Development of Education at the University of Gothenburg).

Please also see the appendix. MAPS per semester Konstanz.

Master's Programme in Political Science (MAPS)

<p>Semester 1 Autumn</p>	<p>Core course: SK2121 Political Science Analysis (15 credits)</p>	<p>Methods course: SF2323 Applied qualitative research methods, problems and design (15 credits) <i>or</i> SF2322 Applied Qualitative Research Methods (15 credits) <i>or</i> SF2324 Introduction to applied research design and quantitative research methods for social scientists (15 credits) <i>or</i> SF2321 Applied Statistical Analysis (15 credits)</p>
<p>Semester 2 Spring</p>	<p>In-depth course: SK2212 The Quality of Government (15 credits) <i>or</i> SF2222 Citizens, Politicians and the Media (15 credits) <i>or</i> SK2223 Environmental Problems within Social Science: From Tragedy of the Commons to Planetary Boundaries (15 credits)</p>	<p>In-depth course: SK2221 Environmental Politics and Institutions (15 credits) <i>or</i> SK2222 Varieties of Democracy and Democratization (15 credits)</p>
<p>Semester 3 Autumn</p>	<p>In-depth course: SK2211 The Performance of Democracies (15 credits) <i>or</i> EU2210 European Environment and Energy (15 credits) <i>Or</i> SK2412 Internship (15 credits)</p>	<p>Methods course: SF2323 Applied qualitative research methods, problems and design (15 credits) <i>or</i> SF2322 Applied Qualitative Research Methods (15 credits) <i>or</i> SF2324 Introduction to applied research design and quantitative research methods for social scientists (15 credits) <i>or</i> SF2321 Applied Statistical Analysis (15 credits) <i>Or</i> SK2412 Internship (15 credits)</p>
<p align="center"><i>Or SK2420 Internship</i> (30 credits) <i>Or studies abroad</i> (30 credits)</p>		
<p>Semester 4 Spring</p>	<p align="center">Thesis course: SK2532 Master Thesis (30 credits)</p>	

**Master's Programme in Political Science (MAPS)
Double degree option with Konstanz University**

Semester 1 Autumn Konstanz	<p>Methods course: Research design I (9 credits)</p> <p><i>And</i></p> <p>Core course: Basic seminar Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis (7 credits)</p>	<p>Core course: Basic seminar International Relations and European Integration (7 credits)</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Basic seminar International Administration and Conflict Management (7 credits)</p> <p><i>And</i></p> <p>Elective core course within the area Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis (7 credits)</p>
Semester 2 Spring Konstanz	<p>Methods course: Research design II (9 credits)</p> <p><i>And</i></p> <p>Elective in-depth course within the area Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis (7 credits)</p>	<p>Elective in-depth course within the area Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis (7 credits)</p> <p><i>And</i></p> <p>Elective in-depth course from another area* (7 credits)</p>
Semester 3 Autumn Gothenburg	<p>In-depth course: SK2211 The Performance of Democracies (15 credits)</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>SK2412 Internship (15 credits)**</p>	<p>Core course: AG2120 International Administration and Policy (15 credits)</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>SK2412 Internship (15 credits)**</p>
Semester 4 Spring Gothenburg	<p>Thesis course: SK2532 Master Thesis (30 credits)</p>	

*The areas include: International administration, Conflict management, European Integration, International relations, and Management and Public administration.

**Double degree students are able to choose a maximum of 15 credits Internship in total