

Education plan

for

International Master's Programme in Political Science with Specialization in Global Asian Studies **120.0 Higher Education Credits**

Internationellt masterprogram i statsvetenskap med inriktning globala asiastudier **120.0 ECTS credits**

Programme code:	STVAS
Valid from:	Spring 2021
Date of approval:	2019-12-19
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Department:	Department of Political Science

Decision

The syllabus has been approved by the Department Board of the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2019-12-19. Last revised 2020-10-20.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in social science and English 6.

Programme structure

The program provides a broad overview of contemporary economic, social, political and cultural conditions in Asia, in a historical and global context. It also provides practical skills and experiences through the possibility of field work, internship or exchange studies. The program results in a two-year master's degree in Asian Studies and is given in collaboration with the Department of Social Anthropology and the Department of Economic History and International Relations. The program begins with the course A Global Continent: The Politics and Economics of Asia (15 credits), a broad overview of politics and economics in the region. This is followed by four thematic courses of 7.5 credits with a more specialized focus: Migration, Labor and Culture in Asia; Law, Culture and Society in Asia; International Relations in North-East Asia; and Development goals in Asia. Together, the five first courses provides both a broad but advanced introduction, as well as specialized knowledge in certain areas. The second semester ends with a method course of 15 credits where students choose between qualitative and quantitative methods. The purpose is to prepare them for the upcoming independent work, but the course also teaches generic skills. During semester three, time is provided for collection of material and field work linked to the thesis, alternatively vocational preparation practice, studies in other social science subjects or exchange studies. The program is concluded with the course Independent research work (30 credits).
Language of instruction is English.

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 the master's degree, the student must

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in political science, including both broad knowledge of the field and substantially deeper knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as in-depth insight into current research and development work, and

- show in-depth methodological knowledge in political science.

Proficiency and Abilities:

To obtain the master's degree, the student must

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyze and assess complex phenomena and issues;
- demonstrate the ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues, to plan and, using appropriate methods, carry out qualified tasks within given time frames and thereby contribute to the development of knowledge;
- demonstrate the ability, both in national and international contexts, to give oral and written presentations and to discuss their conclusions as well as the arguments that underpin them, and
- demonstrate the skills required to participate in research and development work, or to work independently in other qualified activities.

Assessment ability and approach:

To obtain the master's degree, the student must

- show ability make judgments with regard to relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects and show awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work,
- show insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the need for further knowledge and how to take responsibility for personal knowledge development.

Courses

All courses are at an advanced level within the subject Political Science unless otherwise stated.

Semester 1

Globalization, Economy and Politics in Asia, 15 credits.

Migration and Labor in Asia, 7.5 credits

(Subject: Social Anthropology).

Law, Culture and Society in Asia, 7.5 credits (Subject: Social Anthropology).

Semester 2

International Relations in East Asia, 7.5 credits (Subject: International relations).

Development goals in Asia, 7.5 credits

Political Science Methods, 15 credits

Semester 3

Choices between the courses Field work (15 credits), Vocational preparation (15, 22.5 or 30 credits), courses in other social science subjects or exchange studies. (Except for courses in other social science subjects, the academic subject is Political Science).

Semester 4

Independent Research Project , 30 credits

Degree

The program leads to a master's degree Political Science with specialization in Asian Studies.

Misc

If the education plan is canceled, the student has the right to complete his/her education according to the current educational plan during a settlement period that includes the program's nominal term plus two years. During this period, the limitations stated in the syllabuses for the courses included in the syllabus primarily apply, in other cases an equivalent education will be offered.

All choices of courses, studies or internships in semester 3 must be approved by the director of the master's program or the person appointed by the department.

Provisions within the program: In order for a student to be able to register for the course Independent Research Project he/she must have completed at least 37.5 credits of the program, including the course Political Science Methods, 15 credits.

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