



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

1SK149 Offentlig korruption, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Political corruption, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved 2014-10-01

Revised 2018-10-31 by Faculty of Social Sciences.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2019

Prerequisites

A minimum of 30 ECTS credits in Political science, or 60 ECTS credits in other related social science subjects.

Objectives

On successful completion of the module, the student should be able to:

- Outline and define key concepts and identify important methodological issues in the study of corruption
- Describe potential causes of corruption and its impact on contemporary democracies
- Critically discuss ethics in public administration
- Identify a problem concerning corruption in public administration and independently analyse this

Content

During the last 20 years issues of corruption and ethics in public administration have received increased attention by governments, media, and non-governmental organisations. The access to quantitative measurements of corruption has also encouraged more research. This module will focus on empirical and theoretical studies of corruption and ethics and explore issues such as: How can corruption be effectively assessed and measured? What is the impact of corruption on public administration, political legitimacy and stability? How can ethical approaches in public administration be maintained. How effective are dominant approaches to promote ethical conduct and avoid corruption and abuse of power?

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars and tutorials.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that will result in a pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as fail. Fx is formally not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination. To receive pass (E or higher) the student should reach all the course objectives. Students who have not passed (i.e. received the grade of F) at the regular examination will be offered a new examination shortly after the regular examination. More detailed criteria for assessment are available at the start of the course.

Examination consists of essays, written assignments and seminars.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of Linnaeus University. The result of the evaluation will be reported back to students and will also be communicated the next time the course is held.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 1SK185 and 1SK131.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required readings

Bergh, Andreas, Erlingsson, Gissur Ó., Sjölin, Mats, & Öhrvall, Richard (latest edition). *A Clean House? Studies of Corruption in Sweden*. Lund: Nordic Academic Press, 160 s.

Fisman, Raymond och Miriam A Golden (latest edition). *Corruption: What Everyone Needs to Know*. Oxford University Press, 316 p.

Heywood, Paul (latest edition). *Routledge handbook of political corruption, Abingdon*: Routledge, 366 p. (Electronically available via the university library)

Johnston, Michael (latest edition). *Corruption, contention and reform: the power of deep democratization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 296 pages.

Additional scientific journal articles accessed via the learning platform or University library, amounting to approximately 100 pages.