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# Course Syllabus

**Course Title:** Politics, security and crisis

**Course Title in Swedish:** Politik, säkerhet och kris

**Course Code:** 2PK022

**Valid From:** HT 2017

**Confirmed by:** The Swedish Defence University Board of Research and Education 2017-02-16

**Department:** Department of Security, Strategy and Leadership

**Subject:** Political Science with a specialization in crisis management and security

**Level:** Second cycle

**Higher education credits:** 15 credits

**Entry requirements and specific admission requirements:**

Admitted to the Master's programme in politics and war

**Main field of study:**

Political Science with a specialization in crisis management and security

**Progressive specialisation:**

A1N

**Level of specialisation:**

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**Course Content and Structure:**

The course will give the student a qualified social scientific understanding of politics, security and crisis at the intersection of recognized academic fields such as Security Studies and Crisis Management. While the course presupposes certain prior knowledge of these neighboring fields of study, it will offer a broad introduction to contemporary theories of security and crisis management. The theories are to be supplemented with a wide array of empirical issues and concrete cases relating to contemporary security policy and crisis management. The empirical part of the course aims to highlight central analytical themes in the course literature, as well as to connect these themes to political and administrative practices.

The course is taught primarily through mandatory seminars with the possible addition of lectures and scenario exercises.

**Intended Learning Outcomes:**

Having finished the course the student will be able to:

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- Distinguish between, give an account of and problematize statements pertaining to rival theoretical approaches with respect to politics, security, and crisis;
- Critically evaluate the possibilities and limitations of foreign- and security policy problem solving, and the management of serious crises and societal pressures;
- In written and oral form present analyses that contain well developed arguments and critical reflections with clear relevance to the course literature;
- On the basis of the theoretical perspectives, convincingly formulate relevant analyses of empirical issues and concrete cases relating to contemporary security policy and crisis management.

**Assessment and Examination:**

Examination is conducted through active participation in mandatory seminars and individual written examination.

The examining teacher may decide on supplementary tasks in order for the student to achieve a passing grade (G). The examining teacher may decide that absence from a maximum of two mandatory seminars may be compensated through the submission of written supplementary tasks.

**Number of examination sessions:**

There is no limit of the number of examination sessions.

**Grading:**

Grading is done according to a three-tiered scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G), and Fail (U).

**Reading list and study resources:**

See appendix 1.

**Interim Regulations:**

When the course is no longer offered or when the contents of the course have been changed in their essence a student has the right to be examined twice during the same academic year during a two year period according to this course syllabus.

**Miscellaneous:**

The course is given as a part of the Master's programme in politics and war.

The language of instruction is English.

An evaluation of the course will be made after the conclusion of the course, conducted by the course convenor. The evaluation is the basis of eventual changes to the course.