



Course Syllabus

Course title in Swedish: Krigföring och flexibilitet med försvarssystemperspektiv

English title: Warfare and flexibility, from a systems science for defence and security perspective

Course code: 1MF012
Valid from: Autumn term 2019
Date of establishment: This course syllabus was established by the Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University on 24.04.2019.
Department: Department of Military Studies
Subject: Systems Science for Defence and Security
Level: First cycle
Scope: 7,5 higher education credits

Prior knowledge requirements and other preconditions for admission to the course

Admitted to the Master's Programme in Defence and Security Systems Development.

Main field of study

Systems Science for Defence and Security

Gradual specialisation

G2F, first cycle, with a minimum of 60 HE credits at first-cycle level.

Level of specialisation

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Course content and structure

Warfighting capability is a central object of study in Systems Science for Defence and Security. A scholar studying these objects needs to understand how to analyze their technical and social components as well as how these interact in the special context of the defense and security sector.

This course is a basic introduction to the terminology and the conceptual tools used in the military sciences to understand and to discuss the social components in particular, i.e. the military organization and its culture.

The course includes:

- The social components in warfighting capability
- How warfighting capability is used in military operations
- The demand for flexibility in warfighting capability

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Teaching will be conducted in the form of lectures, seminars, group work and independent study.

Intended learning outcomes

On completing the course, the student shall be able to:

- explain the military profession's central concepts and principles for warfare and flexibility,
- explain purposes, phases and activities in an established planning process for a military operation,
- analyse passages in a historical or contemporary context with support from the military profession's central concepts and principles for warfare and flexibility.

Assessing knowledge and examination

Examination will be by group assignment and one individual written examination.

The examiner may decide that supplementary work is required in order for a pass grade to be achieved. Examination papers submitted late will not be graded, unless there are special reasons, which have been approved by the examiner. Supplementary assignments are to be submitted no later than five working days after the notification of results and the supplementary assignment for the examination in question, unless there are special reasons, which have been approved by the examiner.

The examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for a student, if that student has an approval from the Swedish Defence University concerning special pedagogical support due to disability.

Number of examination opportunities

There is no limit on the total number of examination opportunities. The total number is restricted to one ordinary examination and two retakes in any two-term period, unless special circumstances exist that are acceptable to the examiner.

Grades

Grades are set according to a three-grade scale: Pass with merit (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

In order to achieve a pass with merit (VG) for the course, a pass with merit (VG) is required for the written examination together with a pass for the group assignment.

In order to achieve a pass (G) for the course, a pass (G) is required for the written examination together with a pass for the group assignment.

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Grading criteria

See Appendix.

Course literature and additional teaching materials

See Appendix 1.

Interim regulation

When a course is no longer provided or when the content of a course has been significantly altered, the student/participant retains the right to be examined in accordance with this course syllabus once per term during a three-term period.

Other

The course is held as a compulsory element of the Master's Programme in Defence and Security Systems Development for students who have completed an engineering programme or equivalent.

On the completion of the course, an evaluation will be conducted under the auspices of the course director which will form the basis for any changes to the course.

The course will be held in English. If no international students are admitted, parts of the course may be held in Swedish.