



Course Syllabus  
Internship 30 credits, Political Science

Praktik 30 hp, statsvetenskap

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<b>Course Code</b>	2SS062	<b>Main Field of Study</b>	Political Science with a focus on Crisis Management and International Co-Operation
<b>Valid from Semester</b>	Spring 2022	<b>Department</b>	Department of Political Science and Law
<b>Education Cycle</b>	Advanced level	<b>Subject</b>	Political Science
<b>Scope</b>	30.0	<b>Language of Instruction</b>	The teaching is conducted partly in Swedish.
<b>Progression</b>	A1F	<b>Decided by</b>	The Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University
<b>Grading Scale</b>	Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction	<b>Decision date</b>	2022-01-01
<b>Revision</b>	1.0		

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### Entry Requirements

The obligatory courses (30 hp) from the first year of the Master Programme in Politics and War must be successfully completed with at least a passing grade in order to qualify for the course.

### Course Content and Structure

The course provides students with the opportunity to, under the supervision of a mentor at the place of internship, utilize and apply their knowledge and education from the Master Programme in Politics and War at a governmental or non-governmental agency, company or organisation in Sweden or abroad. During the course of their work internship, the student shall participate in the daily work routines of the organization to which they have successfully applied, and be given the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge to practical application in tasks or projects which relate to the subject of study, e.g. through contribution to memorandum, reports or projects as assigned by the mentor. Instruction takes the form of mentored internship, independent authorship of an internship report to be submitted to the course examiners, and participation in the introductory seminar and concluding seminars. During the latter the work internship reports and knowledge and practical experience gleaned from your studies and internship will be reflected upon in a group setting.

### Intended Learning Outcomes

Following course completion, students are expected to:

- Be able to analyse the overarching role and work of the place of internship in society, current areas for development and issues within the organisations' sector or branch, as well as demands that are placed upon the organisation within their sector
- Independently and critically reflect upon the relationship between practical experience and knowledge gained during internship and the theoretical knowledge gained within study at SEDU in the Master's Programme, as well as on their own personal contribution to their place of internship.
- Both in written and oral form exemplify processes that have transpired at the place of internship with respect to scientific or research-based deliberation, as well as with respect to societal and ethical aspects.
- With experience gained at the place of internship be able to independently and critically reason around the possibilities and limitations of science application in society and the responsibility of people for how it is applied.

### Type of Instruction

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## Assessment

### Examination

Scope: 30.0

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

Course evaluation is examined in the following two ways: through the actual completion of the work internship at the place of internship according to the agreement; and via the internship report that each student individually and independently prepares and makes available to the course and examiners. The head of the internship course follows up on the progress of the student at the place of internship at least twice during the course of the internship, through dialogue with both the student and the student's mentor at the place of internship.

For a passing grade in the course the student shall have been present and available for work at the place of internship according to the agreement signed by the mentor at the place of internship and the head of the course at SEDU, and followed the rules and regulations at the place of internship in a satisfactory manner as prescribed. Participation in both the introductory and final seminar at SEDU is compulsory. Examination with assigned grade takes place according to the examiners' assessment of the written internship report.

Active attendance at the seminars is compulsory. Absence is unacceptable if permission from the examiner is not obtained in advance. Students unable to attend the seminars will need to attend the seminar(s) they have missed the next opportunity the course is offered.

### Grading

Grades are determined according to a three-level scale: Pass with Honours (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

For the Grade of G the requirement is that the work internship has successfully been completed and that the grade of G is accorded to the independent work internship report.

To attain the Grade of VG the requirement is that the work internship has successfully been completed and that the grade of VG is accorded to the work internship report.

### Restrictions in Number of Examinations

There is currently no limit.

### Restrictions Concerning Degree

### Transitional Provisions

Should the course in the future no longer be offered or when the substance of the course is significantly altered, students will be given the right to complete their work and be examined two times within an academic year for a two-year period following nullification of the original course syllabus.

### Miscellaneous

The Internship course is an elective course within the Master Programme in Politics and War.

Students are responsible for securing their own work internship position. The place of internship is approved and recognized in advance via the signing of the Internship Agreement by the mentor at the place of internship and by the head of the internship course. The place of internship shall mentor the student during their work internship and be the point of contact for the student and for SEDU, as indicated in the agreement.

SEDU encourages students to establish contacts with external organisations and actors relevant to the subject of War Studies, in Sweden as well as internationally. Undergoing internship in an organisation and writing an essay in a novel context is viewed, in conjunction with the other courses and opportunities offered, as a beneficial experience for the academic and professional development of students at SEDU. Additional costs necessitated or incurred as a result of work internship in a location other than Stockholm are the responsibility of the student.

The Swedish Defence University reserves the right to not approve proposed places of work internship if the organisation or



mentor is deemed inappropriate. The activities of the place of internship may not violate the principles and legislation for public authorities in Sweden. As it is the right of SEDU to assess the appropriate nature of the place of internship, it is also possible that a proposed place of internship may be rejected as SEDU may lack the resources necessary to ascertain whether it is appropriate.

- Course evaluation takes place following conclusion of the course and is taken into account when assessing possible amendments to the syllabus.
- If a student has a decision from the Swedish Defense University on special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.



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