

Programme Syllabus  
for  
International Economics and Policy, Bachelor programme  
Public Entrepreneurship and Politics

180 Credits

Undergraduate

Start fall 2008



## **Title of qualification**

Bachelor of Political Sciences with a major in Political Science 180 credits

Politices kandidatexamen med huvudområde statskunskap 180 hp

## **Aims**

The Public Entrepreneurship and Politics track within the International Economics and Policy programme leads to a Bachelor of Political Sciences degree with political science as the major subject and economics as the minor subject. This track gives students a solid basis in political science, with a focus on how decisions are actually made in social, political, and business organizations and how political institutions are formed, including international ones.

## **Program Specific Aims**

- to train the students in the basic background and techniques of political science and economics appropriate for a bachelor degree with political science as the primary subject and economics as the secondary subject
- to involve the students in issues dealing with public entrepreneurship and in societal development and renewal
- to offer students an education with a genuine international focus by providing course material that deals with international issues, an international environment with courses including students from abroad through both the exchange programme and programme enrolment, and extensive opportunities to study abroad through the exchange programme
- to explain to the students the functioning and development of political organization and decision-making and to build up the necessary skills for using that knowledge appropriately in a variety of contexts
- to actively involve students in thinking critically about ideas, events, and institutions through political science studies and to stimulate in students an appreciation of the wide range of problems and issues to which political science can be applied
- to exercise the students in applying political science concepts, approaches and methods to real-world issues
- to help the students explore issues dealing with the problematic nature and contested character of investigation in political science
- to train the students on how to appropriately analyze theoretical and applied political science problems, including those that deal with issues in policy
- to prepare the students with a sufficient background in knowledge and skills so they can continue with further studies in political science, in associated areas, or in multidisciplinary areas that include political science
- to exercise students, through their political science and economics studies, in a variety of generic skills useful in a working career and in their development intellectually and personally.
- to prepare the students so they will be employable in jobs requiring analysis of political

developments, especially if such analysis requires understanding of associated economic issues.

## **Contents**

The education in the International Economics and Policy Programme corresponds to three years of full-time studies and comprising of a total of 180 credits (180 ECTS credits). In the Public Entrepreneurship and Politics (EPP) track within this programme, the students major is Political science, with a minimum of 90 credits in that subject and the minor is in Economics with a minimum of 30 credits in that subject. This track leads to the degree Bachelor of Political Sciences with a major in Political Science, known in Swedish as the degree "Politices kandidatexamen med huvudområdet statskunskap".

Teaching in the Public Entrepreneurship and Politics track is conducted in English in all its mandatory courses and the track is open to international students. Almost all courses at JIBS are run at "half-speed", with full-time students involved in two courses at the same time.

All EPP students study at least 15 credits in statistics, and 15 credits in foreign languages. Elective courses are offered at JIBS within economics, business administration, and political science. Students also have the opportunity to choose from JIBS courses in disciplines such as economic geography, statistics, commercial law, and informatics to create their own individual study profiles.

Considerable flexibility in creating these profiles furthermore exists due to the many opportunities of courses available at any of our 200 partner universities. Students are recommended to spend one semester abroad to gain international experience and knowledge.

During the third year of studies, students write a 15 credits bachelor thesis in political science.

If a student in the Public Entrepreneurship and Politics track prepares a bachelor thesis in development, he/she has the possibility of doing research in a developing country with the help of a special scholarship, the MFS (Minor Field Study Stipendium) which one applies to through SIDA (the Swedish International Development Agency). All EPE students take the course Economic and Institutional Development in their first year at JIBS to provide them a background in developing country issues. This background makes these students more likely to be successful in their search for internships at international organizations abroad.

There is a 7.5 credits course available as a single subject course designed with EP students in mind, as they would be generally the ones in Jönköping with the necessary prerequisites after their first year: National Model United Nations (NMUN). In this course students participate in simulations of the United Nations, with the school annually sending a team of students to the National Model United Nations Conference in New York as simulation UN representatives, competing with other such teams from other universities from around the world.

## **Language**

English

## **Prerequisites**

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## **Learning outcome**

### **Knowledge and understanding**

Student is able to

- explain and discuss the nature and significance of political organization as a dynamic and changing human activity, including some global aspects.
- explain and discuss within in the main fields of political science (e.g, political theory, international relations, and comparative politics) the main concepts, theories, and approaches of political science.
- recognize how theories, concepts, and methods used to study political science can be used for analyzing political ideas, practices and issues, including those in the global arena, and can provide a scientific grounding for political science.
- explain and discuss how the international political system originated and evolved, including currently occurring transformations.
- explain and discuss the differences in political systems; the nature of power in them and how it is distributed; their social, cultural, economic, and historical environment; and the relationship between political systems.
- describe and demonstrate differing interpretations of political events and issues, including those with international content.
- show a general grasp of current research issues in political science.
- explain and discuss the theories, concepts, and methods used in a specialized field in political science.
- explain and discuss core concepts in economics.

### **Skills and abilities**

Student is able to

- critically discuss matters, questions, and situations, including the results of policy changes or other exogenous events, with rigorous argumentation for discussion.
- perform analysis and present ideas using computer software, including statistical or numerical information when appropriate.
- manage his or her own learning with support and guidance, utilizing constructive feedback.
- collaborate with others to achieve common goals.
- apply theories, concepts, and methods used in political science to analyzing political ideas, practices, and issues, including those in the global arena.
- search for, collect, organize, deploy, and critically interpret relevant evidence, data and information concerning a given problem in political science, with efficient utilization of library and computer resources.
- independently identify, formulate, investigate, and analyze problems and perform tasks within given

time frames, demonstrating self-organization, initiative, and time management.

- synthesize relevant information and develop reasoned argument.
- communicate ideas, information, and concepts by means appropriate to the problem and audience at hand, orally and in writing.

**Assessment and attitude skills**

Student is able to

- analyze political science from relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects.
- exhibit an understanding of the role of knowledge in society and the individual's responsibilities when it comes to the use of this knowledge.

**Academic Year 1**

Study period 1	Study period 2	Study period 3	Study period 4
Macroeconomic Principles (JMPA17) 7,5 credits	State and Democratization (JDEA17) 7,5 credits	Constitutional state (JCOA17) 7,5 credits	Economic and Institutional Development (JEIB18) 7,5 credits
Society and State (JSSA17) 7,5 credits	Microeconomic Principles (JMIA17) 7,5 credits	International Trade Theory (JTTA17) 7,5 credits	The State and the Internationalisation of Societies (JSIA17) 7,5 credits

**Academic Year 2**

Study period 1	Study period 2	Study period 3	Study period 4
Business Statistics 1 (JBSA17) 7,5 credits	Business Statistics 2 (JB2A17) 7.5 credits	Individual written essay (JIWB17) 7,5 credits	Political leadership of Professional services (JPLB17) 7,5 credits
The Nation State and Globalisation (JNSB17) 7,5 credits	Local and International Democratization (JLIB17) 7,5 credits	Language 7,5 credits	Language 7,5 credits

### Academi Year 3

Study period 1	Study period 2	Study period 3	Study period 4
Elective courses/study abroad at least 15 credits in Political Science at G2F-level		Bachelor Thesis in Political Science (JBPC17) 15 credits	
		Elective courses 15 credits/	

### Evaluation

Our cooperation with JSA, the student organization, is crucial. This work is conducted on two levels, programs and courses

### Programme level

On the program level students elect student representatives for each track of the program and each study year of the program. The student representatives and the program managers meet regularly to discuss courses and the progress of the programme. The representatives stay in contact with course coordinators to share the overall impression and student experiences from courses, in addition, the programme manager, student representatives, JSA and faculty meet annually to discuss the entire program

### Course level

On the course level, program developers and course responsible meet shortly after the course has started. The purpose is to ensure that the course is working well and if necessary make minor changes. After each course is finished all students perform course evaluations in PingPong, and program developers evaluate the course on the aggregate level and communicate with program manager and course responsible.

### Examination grades

Students must satisfy course requirements. Three methods of evaluation of student performance in courses are used: written examination, oral examination, and written assignment. In a single course, one of these methods may be used or a combination of them may be used. Oral examinations and written assignments may be carried out individually or in groups. Written examinations are to be done soon after the course has come to an end. In courses where there is a written examination, the student is offered at least two retakes per course. Those who have passed an exam are not allowed to retake it. Mandatory workshops (attached to courses) may have student performance evaluated by multiple-choice testing coordinated through computer software.

All courses are graded. Usually students receive two grades: a Swedish grade, with Passed with distinction (VG), Passed (G) and Failed (U) as the possible grades, and an ECTS grade, with A-E being passed grades and F being failed. For most workshops and some courses, only Passed or Failed is given.

### Degree certificate

The degree Bachelor of Political Sciences with a major in Political Science, 180 credits (Politics

kandidatexamen med huvudområde statskunskap) will be awarded, upon request, to students who have completed all the necessary credits for this degree, which include a minimum of 90 credits in Political science and a minimum of 30 credits in Economics. The requirements for completing the programme are 180 credits, of which 90 credits are in political science, 30 credits are in economics, 15 credits in language, and 15 credits in statistics.

### **Career prospects**

Future employment activities for graduates of this track of the programme could include analysis and investigation within the business world or within the governmental sector. The education could lead to work in the government at the international, national, or local level; for example, work on EU-related tasks or national government spending programmes. The education also may provide possibilities for work within aid organizations and United Nations bodies. Examples of occupational titles are investigator, administrator, planner, researcher, teacher, and consultant.