

SWEDISH DEFENCE UNIVERSITY

Department of Political Science and Law



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Syllabus Second Cycle

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**Politics, Security and Crisis**

***Politik, säkerhet och kris***

15.0 Credits

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Code: 2SS065

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Valid from: Spring semester 2022 (2022-01-17)

Level within study regulation: Second cycle

Grading scale: UV Three-grade scale

Main field of study with advanced study: STAO4 Political Science: Security Studies - A1N Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

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## **1. Subject**

ST4 Political Science

## **2. Entry requirements**

Accepted to the Master's Programme in Politics and War

## **3. Course Content and Structure**

The course shall give the student a qualified social scientific understanding of politics, security and crisis at the interface between recognised academic fields such as security studies and crisis management. While the course presupposes certain prior knowledge in adjacent fields, it shall offer a broad introduction of contemporary theories of security and crisis management. The theories shall be supplemented with a wide range of empirical issues and concrete cases in contemporary security policy and crisis management. The empirical part of the course aims to highlight central analytical themes in the course literature, and link these themes to political and administrative practice.

## Type of Instruction

Instruction primarily takes place through mandatory seminars. There may also be lectures and scenario exercises.

## 4. Language of Instruction

EN The teaching is conducted in English.

## 5. Objectives

After completing the course, the student is expected to be able to:

- distinguish between, reproduce and problematize assumptions belonging to rival theoretical approaches with regard to politics, security and crisis.
- critically evaluate possibilities and limitations in foreign and security policy problem solving and the handling of serious crises and societal stressors
- in written and verbal form, present analyses that contain well-developed arguments and critical reasoning with clear support in the course literature
- based on the theoretical perspectives, convincingly formulate relevant analyses of empirical issues and concrete cases in contemporary security policy and crisis management.

## 6. Examination formats

### Examination

Scope: 15.0

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

Assessment takes place through active participation in mandatory seminars and individual written examination.

The examiner may decide to allow supplementation in order to achieve a passing grade. The examiner may decide that absence from max. two mandatory seminars may be compensated by submitting a written supplementary assignment.

### Grading

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

### Restrictions in Number of Examinations

There is no limit on the total number of examination opportunities.

## 7. Transitional provisions

When a course is no longer provided or when the content of a course has been significantly altered, the student has the right to be examined in accordance with this course syllabus once per semester over a period of three semesters.

## 8. Other regulations

The course cannot be part of a degree whose content matches the content of this course in whole or in part.

The course is given within the Master's Programme in Politics and War.

- On completion of the course, an evaluation will be conducted under the auspices of the course director and will serve as the basis for any changes to the course.
- If a student has a decision from the Swedish Defence University regarding special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.

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