



## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

### **13FH002 Introduction to Research on Public Administration, 7.5 credits**

Introduktion till forskning om offentlig förvaltning, 7,5 högskolepoäng

*Third-cycle level / Forskarnivå*

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#### **Confirmation**

This syllabus was confirmed by the School of Public Administration on 2018-10-01, and is valid from Autumn semester 2018.

#### ***Responsible department/equivalent***

School of Public Administration, Faculty of Social Sciences

#### **Entry requirements**

Doctoral students, currently registered on a PhD program, are eligible to admission.

#### **Learning outcomes**

On successful completion of the course, the doctoral student will be able to:

##### ***Knowledge and understanding***

- summarize and present research questions, methods and theories used in research in Public Administration and its sub disciplines

##### ***Competence and skills***

- compare and analyze similarities and differences regarding choice of methods and theories covered in the course
- identify new research questions within the sub disciplines of Public Administration which the course is focused on, as well as problematize possible theoretical and methodological perspective related to these questions

##### ***Judgment and approach***

- reflect and maintain a critical perspective towards theories and conclusions within the field of Public Administration and its sub disciplines

## Course content

The course presents an overview of international and Swedish research in the multidisciplinary field of Public Administration. Fundamental questions regarding theoretical perspectives and assumptions, as well as normative aspirations and incitements within the field, are problematized from a number of different thematic approaches. Example of such themes can be local government studies, sustainability, control and accountability, interactive collaborative governance, public management, etc.

## Types of instruction

The format of the instruction for the course will be introductory lectures and seminars.

### *Language of instruction*

The course is given in Swedish.

## Grades

The grade Pass (G) or Fail (U) is given in this course.

## Types of assessment

The course is assessed through the production of papers, one for each of the themes and a final course paper covering all themes, as well as through active participation in obligatory seminars.

A doctoral student who has failed a test twice has the right to change examiners. In order to change examiners, a written application must be sent to the Head of Department.

## Course evaluation

A course evaluation is conducted at the end of the course. Any changes in the course content, literature or pedagogy will be presented at the next course introduction.

## Other information

The syllabus was originally approved by School of Public Administration 2012-03-27.