JU30001  Journalism in the Media Society, 15 credits
Journalistiken i mediesamhället, 15 högskolepoäng
Third-cycle level / Forskarnivå

Confirmation
This syllabus was confirmed by the Department of Journalism, Media and Communication on 2019-02-22, and is valid from Spring semester 2019.

Responsible Department
Department of Journalism, Media and Communication, Faculty of Social Sciences

Entry requirements
Admission to third cycle studies.

Learning outcomes
At the completion of the course, the doctoral student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding
· Demonstrate an intimate knowledge of the key traditions and research problems in current journalism and media research
· Demonstrate an understanding of the societal and scientific contexts in which different traditions emerge
· Describe and classify the central international research journals in the field

Competence and skills
Demonstrate the ability to critically and independently analyze and discuss current research, in discussions written assignments.

Judgement and approach
· Demonstrate an ability to critically evaluate the established theoretical traditions in journalism and media research with regard to their strengths, limitations and relevance for current research
· Demonstrate the ability to identify their own need for additional knowledge and to take responsibility for their own learning

Course content
The course targets key research areas in journalism and media research. The focus is on journalism in a broad sense, including journalism as production, product/text, profession and institution as well as journalism’s relation to other knowledge- and information producing organizations and institutions, audiences and society. Key traditions and theories in journalism research are examined and their significance for contemporary research is discussed. The doctoral students will read, analyze and discuss current research, and the primary reading assignments consist of articles in the main research journals in the field. The specific research areas are: Journalism History and Institutional Change, Journalism as Practice and Profession, Mediatization and Political Communication, Journalism, lobbying and PR, Journalism as Text and Discourse, Transforming Audiences, and Digital Journalism and Media Convergence.

Types of instruction
The course is taught with a mix of lectures, workshops and individual work.

Language of instruction
The course is given in Swedish but can be given in English if necessary.
Swedish or English, depending on the language of the participants.

Grades
The grade Pass (G) or Fail (U) is given in this course.
The grades are "fail" or "pass". To pass the student needs to pass all assignments. A student who has failed has the right to make the test again. The new test is normally conducted a period after the ordinary examination. If a student fails a test twice, he or she may ask for a new examinator. This request must be sent in writing to the head of department.

Types of assessment
The assessment of the course is based on the student’s written assignments and oral presentations at seminars.

Course evaluation
An oral or written evaluation of the course will be conducted at the last session of the course. The results of the evaluation will be summarised and used in planning the coming courses.