

Media, Communication and the Public Sphere

Single subject and programme course

7.5 credits

Medier, kommunikation och offentlighet

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Main field of study

Media and Communication Studies

Course level

First cycle

Advancement level

G1X

Entry requirements

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Intended learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student should be able to

- account for the political and democratic functions and roles of the mass media, historically and in contemporary society,
- account for current theories and research that concerns the mass media in relation to the public sphere/democracy,
- reflect on the knowledge field of media studies,
- discuss how own values and positions influence assessments of media issues.

Course content

This course covers the role of the mass media in the public discourse and the mass media's relation to politics, education and science. The course provides a historical background to the emergence and importance of the public discourse and introduces theoretical perspectives on media, democracy and political processes. The course is for both future and practising teachers, informants, journalists and others who are interested in questions of power and the public sphere and who wants to increase their critical media competence.

Teaching and working methods

The teaching takes the form of lectures, seminars and group discussions. The students prepare individually and in groups for the lectures and seminars through studies of literature, group discussions and work with specific seminar assignments.

Examination

The course is examined continuously through compulsory seminars and written take-home examinations.

Grades

Three-grade scale, U, G, VG

Other information

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