



## COURSE SYLLABUS

# Master Thesis in Media and Communication Science with Specialization in International Communication, 15 credits

*Master Thesis in Media and Communication Science with Specialization in International Communication, 15 högskolepoäng*

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<b>Course Code:</b> LTMT28	<b>Education Cycle:</b> Second-cycle level
<b>Confirmed by:</b> Director of Education Nov 14, 2017	<b>Disciplinary domain:</b> Social sciences
<b>Valid From:</b> Spring 2018	<b>Subject group:</b> MK1
<b>Version:</b> 1	<b>Specialised in:</b> A1E
<b>Reg number:</b> HLK 2017/4650-313	<b>Main field of study:</b> Media and Communication Science

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### Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

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

Knowledge and understanding

- describe and discuss the applied research field from theoretical and empirical perspectives
- demonstrate the ability to use data bases for academic information search

Skills and abilities

- demonstrate the ability to independently carry out an empirical study
- demonstrate the ability to apply theories in a scientific work

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate the ability to critically analyse and evaluate scientific work
- demonstrate the ability of academic argumentation
- demonstrate the ability to express well-founded criticism in scientific texts

### Contents

- Produce a pro memoria for thesis
- Empirical data collection and analysis
- The design and production of scientific documents
- Critical analysis of scientific texts
- Academic argumentation

### Type of instruction

Tuition is in the form of seminars about students' thesis manuscripts and supervision individually and/or in groups.

A digital learning platform is used.

Students who have been admitted to and registered on a course have the right to receive instruction/supervision for the duration of the time period specified for the particular course to which they were accepted. After that, the right to receive instruction/supervision expires.

The teaching is conducted in English.

### **Prerequisites**

Second-cycle courses equivalent to 15 credits in Media and Communication Sciences, for example Global Media Cultures, 15 credits, or Sustainable Communication, 15 credits.

### **Examination and grades**

The course is graded A, B, C, D, E, FX or F.

The grades A, B, C, D and E are all passing grades. For courses with more than one examination, students are given a final grade based on an overall assessment of all examinations included in the course. The final grade of the course is issued only when all course units have been passed.

The examination is based on instruction and course literature.

The examination must allow for students to be assessed on an individual basis. Students may not make a second attempt at any examination (or element of examination) already passed in order to receive a higher grade. Further information concerning assessment and grading criteria is provided in a study guide distributed at the beginning of the course.

Students are guaranteed a minimum of three examination occasions, including the regular occasion.

If a student has failed the same examination three times, the student is entitled to request that the next examination be assessed and graded by a new examiner if possible. The decision to accept or reject such a request is made by the vice dean of education.

In case the course is terminated or significantly altered, examination according to the present course syllabus shall be offered on at least two occasions in the course of one year after the termination/alteration.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Master thesis	15 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F

### **Course evaluation**

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is performed and commented on by the course coordinator and, if possible, a student/students (course developer/s). The course evaluation, which is published on the relevant learning platform and submitted to the study administration, is to function as a basis for future improvements to the course.

## **Course literature**

Chosen in consultation with the supervisor.

### Reference literature

Citing Sources – How to Create Literature References. <http://ju.se/library/search--write/citing-sources---how-to-create-literature-references.html>

Information Material about Anti-Plagiarism at Universities. The Interactive Anti-Plagiarism Guide – Jönköping University. <http://pingpong.hj.se/public/courseId/10565/publicPage.do>