



## HÖGSKOLAN I GÄVLE

### Democracy and Ethics in Spatial Planning 7.5 cr

*Demokrati och etik inom samhällsplanering 7,5 hp*

Set by Faculty of Engineering and Sustainable Development

**Version**

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<b>Level</b>	G2F
<b>Education level</b>	First cycle
<b>Course identifier</b>	SBG563
<b>Credits</b>	7.5 cr
<b>Main field of study</b>	Spatial Planning
<b>Subject group</b>	Physical Planning
<b>Disciplinary domain</b>	Social sciences 100.0 %

**Learning outcomes**

At the end of the course the student shall be able to:

1. apply scientific methods to analyze ethical and democratic challenges within spatial planning
2. describe the Swedish political system, various political ideologies and forms of democracy
3. discuss constitutive elements of administrative law in relation to ethics and democracy
4. discuss ethical challenges and solutions in spatial planning with different groups of society
5. analyze and evaluate spatial planning issues from an ethical and democratic perspective
6. critically discuss and assess the role of the urban planner in society

**Course content**

Forms of democracy  
Political ideology  
Political philosophy and ethics  
Equality  
The Swedish political system  
Organisation theory of state and local government  
Administrative law and trends within governmental administration  
Legislation, e.g. Swedish planning and building act and Administrative act  
Citizen participation and citizen dialogue  
Scientific methods

<b>Teaching</b>	Lectures, seminars and project work.		
<b>Prerequisites</b>	At least 60 credits within the main field or equivalent.		
<b>Examination</b>	0010 Written examination 3 credits, grade A-F (Learning outcomes 2, 3, 5 & 6) 0020 Seminars 2 credits, grade Pass or Fail (Learning outcomes 2-6) 0030 Project Work 2,5 credits, grade Pass with distinction, Pass or Fail (Learning outcomes 1, 3, 4 &5)		
<b>Grade</b>	A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F		
<b>Other regulations</b>	The grading criteria will be identified by the course coordinator or examiner at the beginning of the course offering.		
<b>Sustainable environment</b>	A minor part of the course content deals with sustainable development.		
<b>Module</b>			
	0010 Written Exam	3 cr	Grade: AF
	0020 Seminars	2 cr	Grade: UG
	0030 Project Work	2.5 cr	Grade: UV