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Democracy and Ethics in Spatial Planning 7.5 cr

Demokrati och etik inom samhällsplanering 7,5 hp

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Level	G2F
Education level	First cycle
Course identifier	SBG563
Credits	7.5 cr
Main field of study	Spatial Planning
Subject group	Physical Planning
Disciplinary domain	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

Teaching	Lectures, seminars and project work.		
Prerequisites	At least 60 credits within the main field or equivalent.		
Examination	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)		
Grade	A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F		
Other regulations	The grading criteria will be identified by the course coordinator or examiner at the beginning of the course offering.		
Sustainable environment	A minor part of the course content deals with sustainable development.		
Module			
	0010 Written Exam	3 cr	Grade: AF
	0020 Seminars	2 cr	Grade: UG
	0030 Project Work	2.5 cr	Grade: UV