



DEGREE PROFILE OF M.S.Sc. í politikki og umsiting <i>M.S.Sc. in Politics and Administration</i>

TYPE OF DEGREE & LENGTH	Two-year master's programme (120 ECTS)
INSTITUTION(S)	Fróðskaparsetur Føroya, Søgu- og Samfelagsdeildin. <i>University of the Faroe Islands, Faculty of History and Social Sciences.</i>
ACCREDITATION ORGANISATION(S)	Uttanríkis- og Mentamálaráðið (UMMR) <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Culture.</i>
PERIOD OF REFERENCE	From November 2021
CYCLE /LEVEL	Master's 'Second Cycle' according to the QF – EHEA and level 7 according to the EQF - LLL.

A	PURPOSE
	To educate students in politics and administration and to significantly develop scientific knowledge about politics and administration; to improve independent working skills based on the competences of a bachelor's degree; to develop the ability to apply theory and method within the field of politics and administration in order to independently execute problem-based projects; to go in-depth and to work independently. Furthermore, the degree provides students with the opportunity to develop a personal study-profile.

B	CHARACTERISTICS	
1	DISCIPLINE(S) / SUBJECT AREA(S)	The degree focuses on the interplay between humans and societal structures, political institutions and welfare, including forms of political organisation, political management and the historical development of political institutions.
2	GENERAL / SPECIALIST FOCUS	Focus is on research-based, cross-disciplinary and practical programmes, i.e. on the interplay between scientific theory, method and personal and collective learning approaches (problem-based, internship etc.).
3	ORIENTATION	Theoretical and methodological knowledge based on scientific traditions within the field of politics and administration with an interdisciplinary, problem-based, methodological openness and critical evaluation of the subject matter. Students are also required to select their own subject areas and thereby develop a profile.

4	DISTINCTIVE FEATURES	The programme is distinctive in that students to a certain extent shape their own study profile. The 2 nd semester has no compulsory course, and the students undertake 30 ECTS either at the University of the Faroe Islands or a university abroad. Furthermore, the 3 rd semester is an internship based on the student's own choice.
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C EMPLOYABILITY & FURTHER EDUCATION		
1	EMPLOYABILITY	The degree qualifies for leading positions within the private, public and civic sectors both nationally and internationally.
2	FURTHER STUDIES	Graduates may qualify to pursue a PhD (Third Cycle Programmes)

D EDUCATION STYLE		
1	LEARNING & TEACHING APPROACHES	The degree is a special 2-year programme (120 ECTS) based on interdisciplinarity with practical learning being of special importance. Besides individual learning, focus is also on interactive learning through problem-based projects, colloquia, seminars, workshops, and other forms of collective and individual learning activities.
2	ASSESSMENT METHODS	Written assignments with or without oral defence. Oral exams based on theme seminars. The exam for the internship is an oral exam based on a written assignment. The dissertation is defended orally.

E PROGRAMME COMPETENCES		
1	GENERIC	<p>Academic skills: The ability to draw up a problem, to process and to analyse themes central to politics and administration; to understand scientific theory, methods, and work processes applied in politics and administration.</p> <p>Personal skills: capacity for independent decision-making and management within politics and administration.</p> <p>Independent work skills: ability to work at a high academic level with focus on subject, resources, and timeframe.</p> <p>Communication skills: ability to communicate orally and in writing in accordance with the given situation. </p>
2	SUBJECT SPECIFIC	<p>Professional basis:The ability to demonstrate broad scientific knowledge within the field of politics and administration based on acknowledged scientific research and professionalism.</p> <p>Problem-solving skills: capacity to undertake scientific and research-based assignments, especially to work problem-based and cross-disciplinary at a high level of professionalism.</p> <p>Communication skills: capacity to describe a subject from a broad perspective; to analyse and present important knowledge within politics and administration, and to interact with professionals and non-professionals about these matters.</p>

	<p>Independent work skills: ability to take responsibility for academic assignments and to participate in and manage group work.</p> <p>Management and development skills: capacity to undertake assignments on behalf of private, public, and volunteer organisations and institutions, and to present well-substantiated proposals for solving practical challenges. </p>
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F	COMPLETE LIST OF PROGRAMME LEARNING OUTCOMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the theoretical and methodological development within the field of politics and administration and chosen field. • Analyse and assess core concepts within politics and administration and chosen field. • Discuss development, theory, and different perspectives within politics and administration and chosen field. • Assess how the chosen field may be applied in other areas. • Place concepts and theories within politics and administration in perspective; analyse challenges and systems in politics and administration and chosen field. • Assess, manage, and execute projects and developmental work within chosen field. • Write scientific material. • Assess professional literature and other literature with regard to a problem or a theme. • Independently select and apply relevant methodologic tools within the field. • Communicate theory, method, analysis and results academically. • Analyse relevant theoretical sources. • Describe and analyse how chosen methods and processes may be applied to illustrate a problem. • Apply theoretical, methodological and empirical knowledge in practice in description, assessment and analysis within the chosen field.