



DEGREE PROFILE OF M.S.Sc. í samfelagsvísindi <i>M.S.Sc. in Social Science</i>	
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TYPE OF DEGREE & LENGTH	Two-year master's programme (120 ECTS)
INSTITUTION(S)	Fróðskaparsetur Føroya, Sögu- 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 social science and to significantly develop scientific knowledge about social science; 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 social science 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, welfare and institutions, and how intentional societal development is accomplished on the basis of decisions and values.
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 social science 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

		at 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 social science; to understand scientific theory, methods, and work processes applied in social science.</p> <p>Personal skills: capacity for independent decision-making and management within social science.</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 social science 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 social science, 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 to present well-substantiated proposals for solving practical challenges. </p>	

F	COMPLETE LIST OF PROGRAMME LEARNING OUTCOMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the theoretical and methodological development within the field of social science and chosen field. • Analyse and assess core concepts within social science and chosen field. • Discuss development, theory, and perspective within social science and chosen field. • Assess how the chosen field may be applied in other areas. • Place concepts and theories within social science in perspective; analyse challenges and systems in social science 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.