



Swedish Environmental Policy and Praxis

Level: 1st cycle

Admission requirements

General entry requirements for studies at universities. The course is a freestanding course.

Educational goals

After having completed the course the students are expected to:

- Be able to give a general account of the instruments and policy tools for creating sustainable and environmentally friendly development in Sweden.
- Demonstrate an ability to discuss the experiences of different policy tools as well as concrete examples of action.
- Show a general understanding of the role of government, local municipalities and the business community.

Course content

This course will explore how the Swedish government has managed, and continues to manage, the use of its natural resources. A selection of issues will be studied, such as water treatment, forestry, farming and energy policy. Strengths as well as weaknesses of this management will be discussed, as will the role of different institutions and of values and culture behind Swedish environmental policies. The role of government, local municipalities and different stakeholders will be studied. Important policy tools, such as the Swedish environmental objectives system and the Swedish carbon tax will also be investigated. The course will include excursions and guest lectures by experts.

Teaching and examination

Teaching is given by means of lectures and discussion seminars in Stockholm and Uppsala.

The examination is in the form of four short papers (1-2 pages each), submitted during the course and discussed at seminars, and in the form of an oral exam at the end of the course.

Bibliography

OECD Environmental Performance Reviews: Sweden 2014 (192 pps) 2012.

Economic Instruments in Environmental Policy - A report by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and the Swedish Energy Agency (170 pps) 2007.

Lönnroth, Måns 2010: The Organisation of Environmental Policy in Sweden - A Historical Perspective (19 pp).

A compendium with selected readings will be handed to the students during the course.

See also "Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser" (Course plans: General rules)

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