JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY
School of Education and Communication

COURSE SYLLABUS

Master's Thesis in Global Studies, 15 credits

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Course Code:	LTGT24	Education Cycle:	Second-cycle level
Confirmed:	Sep 30, 2026	Disciplinary domain:	Social sciences
Valid From:	Jan 18, 2027	Subject group:	Other Subjects within Social Science
		Specialised in:	A1E Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits)
		Main field of study:	Global Studies

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

On completion of the course, the student should be able to:

Knowledge and Understanding

- demonstrate specialized knowledge of current research and development work within the specific research problem chosen for the master's thesis
- demonstrate specialized knowledge of central concepts, theories and methods used within the specific research problem chosen for the master's thesis

Skills and Abilities

- apply specialized knowledge and relevant theories and methods in the analysis of a specific research problem
- undertake a research assignment in the form of a master's thesis

Judgement and Approach

- make disciplinary, social, and ethical assessments within the specific research problem chosen for the master's thesis
- critically reflect over and discuss the roles of social science and researchers and what responsibilities they have towards their disciplines, individuals, and society

Content

- Research assignment
- Thesis work
- Current research and development work
- Central concepts, theories and methods
- Research ethics
- Reflexivity

Type of Instruction

The teaching consists of supervision and seminars.

A learning management system is used.

Students who have been admitted to and registered for a course have the right to receive instruction/supervision for the duration of the time period specified for the particular course instance to which they were accepted. After that, the right to receive instruction/supervision expires.

Language of instruction is English.

Entry Requirements

The applicant must hold the minimum of a bachelor's degree (i.e. the equivalent of 180 ECTS credits at an accredited university) with at least 90 credits in global studies or social science including independent work, i.e., a thesis or the equivalent, and at least 17.5 credits from the master's program in Global Studies: Sustainable Societies and Social Change, and taken course Research Methods 1 in Global Studies, 7.5 credits, or equivalent. Proof of English proficiency is required.

Examination and Grades

The course is graded A, B, C, D, E, FX or F.

The grades A, B, C, D and E are all passing grades.

The examination is based on the intended learning outcomes.

The course is examined through a thesis.

The examination must allow for students to be assessed on an individual basis. Further information concerning assessment of specific intended learning outcomes and grading criteria is provided at the beginning of the course.

To receive the final grade of the course, all elements of the course must have been passed. The final grade of the course is determined by the grade given to the thesis.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Master's (60 credit) thesis	15 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F

Course Evaluation

The instruction is followed up throughout the course. A course evaluation is conducted at the end of the course. A summary and comments are published in the learning management system. The evaluation constitutes a basis for future improvements to the course.

Other Information

Students are guaranteed a minimum of three attempts to pass an examination, including the regular attempt.

If a student has failed the same examination three times, the student can request that the next attempt be graded by a new examiner. The decision to accept or reject such a request is made by the associate dean of education. A student may not make a second attempt at any examination already passed in order to receive a higher grade.

In case a course is terminated or significantly altered, examination according to the earlier syllabus shall be offered on at least two occasions in the course of one year after the termination/alteration.

The examiner has the right to give an adapted examination or let the student carry out the examination in an alternative way provided that the intended learning outcomes can be secured and that there are exceptional reasons for this, including the student's right to targeted study support.

Course Literature

Please note that the course literature may be revised up to eight weeks before the start of the course.

Relevant literature is chosen based on the thesis topic in consultation with the supervisor. The student has the main responsibility in this process.

Citing Sources – How to Create Literature References
http://ju.se/library/search--write/citing-sources---how-to-create-literature-references.html

Sourcewise: A Student's Guide to Avoiding Plagiarism
Information about plagiarism at higher education institutions
Available in the learning management system