

Degree Profile:

Politics and Administration (BSSc.)

TYPE OF DEGREE & LENGTH	A three year Bachelor program in Politics and Administration (180 ECTS).
INSTITUTION(S)	<i>Department of History and Social Science, University of the Faroe Islands.</i>
ACCREDITATION ORGANISATION(S)	<i>Ministry of Education, Research and Culture</i>
PERIOD OF REFERENCE	This Degree Programme was launched in autumn 2015 and will continue until further notice.
LEVEL	BA, 1st Cycle, according to EQF - LLL and QF - EHEA.

A	PURPOSE
	The purpose of the bachelor degree in Politics and Administration is to give the students a range of competencies within politics and administration, and related social science disciplines. The program will qualify the students for further education at master level, and to perform political, administrative and analytical tasks within the public and private sector, as well as within local, national and international organisations.

B	CHARACTERISTICS
1	<p>DISCIPLINE(S) / SUBJECT AREA(S)</p> <p>Students will acquire the knowledge, competence and skills to understand and critically assess political and administrative themes and issues from an interdisciplinary perspective.</p> <p>Students will also develop the skills and competence to problematise, collect data, analyse it, and disseminate knowledge within political and administrative fields.</p> <p>The subjects studied are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology and culture (10 ects) • Introduction to political science (10 ects) • Philosophy of science and methods (10 ects) • Faroese contemporary history (10 ects) • Economy and society (10 ects) • Paper I+II (Project I+II) (2x10 ects) • Elective courses I+II (2x10 ects) • Political theory and history of ideas (10 ects) • Method I (Quantitative methods) (10 ects) • Method II (Qualitative methods) (10 ects) • Comparative politics (10 ects) • Public policy and administration (10 ects) • Faroese administrative law (10 ects) • International politics (10 ects) • Bachelor thesis (20 ects)

2	GENERAL/SPECIALIST FOCUS	The programme is based on an interdisciplinary and problem-oriented approach to politics and administration.
3	ORIENTATION	The program in politics and administration is a practical and research-based course that results in a general understanding of the subject – with particular emphasis on Faroese political and administrative themes and issues.
4	DISTINCTIVE FEATURES	A distinctive feature of the program in Politics and Administration is the combination of teaching in the main subject areas relevant for the field, and the development of the student's research projects in Paper I+II and their final Bachelor thesis. It is also a multilingual program where the curriculum and the languages used in this programme are Faroese, Scandinavian (Danish, Swedish, Norwegian) and English. The Bachelor project can be written in any of the above-mentioned languages.

C	EMPLOYABILITY AND FURTHER EDUCATION	
1	EMPLOYABILITY	A Bachelor degree with a Politics and Administration specialisation offers access to employment in the public sector, private sector, and in a range of local, national and international organisations. It is particularly well suited for those who will be asked to work on policy issues.
2	FURTHER STUDIES	The completion of the Bachelor programme in Politics and Administration qualifies the holder for further education at Post Graduate level.

D	EDUCATION STYLE	
1	LEARNING AND TEACHING APPROACHES	A range of teaching approaches are employed, including problem-oriented projects, lectures, seminars, workshops and individual supervision. The education is also based on active student participation in discussions, group work, presentations, and other forms of interactive learning, both as individuals as well as members of a team.
2	ASSESSMENT METHODS	Assessment methods include written project reports and essays with oral defence, written exams, oral exams, and multiple-choice tests. The Bachelor thesis is an independent research project written by the student individually or in a group which has to be defended orally.

E	PROGRAMME COMPETENCES	
1	GENERIC	
	The program gives the students general knowledge about the social sciences and specialist knowledge within politics and administration. The student will learn about Faroese and international societal development, and how the political institutions in the Faroe Islands have evolved and how they work (function) today. Additionally, the students will gain thorough knowledge about social and political theory and methods within the field and how these are used to research and interpret political and administrative problems in contemporary society. The student will also acquire first-hand experience and competence in interdisciplinary problem-oriented research projects.	
2	SUBJECT SPECIFIC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have acquired a broad set of knowledge about politics and administration and a thorough understanding of the theories and methods used within the field. • Have foundational knowledge about political science, sociology, economics, law, history, philosophy of science, quantitative and qualitative methods and be able to understand how these subject areas are used within a political and administrative context. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have acquired a broad knowledge about the Faroese society, and how it historically has evolved from a county (Danish: Amt) to Home Rule in a international context, and a thorough understanding of how the political institutions work (function) today. • Be able to use the knowledge they have acquired to identify political and administrative themes and problems and be able to analyse them in a well-reasoned way.
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F	COMPLETE LIST OF PROGRAMME LEARNING OUTCOMES
	<p>Subject-specific competences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have acquired a broad set of knowledge about politics and administration and a thorough understanding of the theories and methods used within the field. • Have foundational knowledge about political science, sociology, economics, law, history, philosophy of science, quantitative and qualitative methods and be able to understand how these subject areas are used within a political and administrative context. • Have acquired a broad knowledge about the Faroese society, and how it historically has evolved from a county (Danish: Amt) to Home Rule in an international context, and a thorough understanding of how the political institutions work today. • Cooperate within the discipline, and interdisciplinary with others, to solve concrete problems within politics and administration locally, nationally and internationally. • Make an independent choice of methods to solve tasks and projects for own studies or at the workplace. • To use scientific criteria to evaluate the quality of scientific work. • Independently and critically to operationalise and use selected concepts, theories, and methods, to complete empirical analysis. • Document the use of primary and secondary empirical material. • Be able to use the theoretical knowledge and methods they have acquired to identify political and administrative themes and problems and be able to analyse them in a well-argued and way. <p>General competences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to complete a problem-oriented research project, independently collect relevant sources, analyse it and come to a conclusion. • Be able to express themselves in writing as well as orally and be able to participate in discourse with other professionals as well as laypeople and bring forth ideas, perspectives, and research outcomes in a logical clear language. • Be accepted at a relevant Master program (graduate level) and/or be employed in academic or other professional job functions within the public and private sector. • Have developed their study- and research skills that will enable them to continue to learn and acquire new knowledge independently in the future.