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## **BSc and MSc in Political Science (Statskundskab)**

### **Where are we now, and where are we heading?**

We strive to educate and train students to develop their political science knowledge, competences, and analytical skills, so they can contribute to society with high-level impact in public and private organizations. The political science programme is a very attractive study programme with a strong brand among students. It builds upon a vibrant research environment at the department. The bachelor programme was consolidated and has remained stable for more than a decade, only with minor structural alterations and course adaptations. In 2019, the department adopted a new and reformed master's programme with an emphasis on job market relevance and employability, including three thematic tracks and a provision of electives as well as compulsory courses, including advanced methodological courses. Both employees and students have expressed their approval of the new programme.

We will focus on maintaining a programme of high academic value to our students that is responsive to requirements expressed by society and the labour market. To ensure this, we strive to strengthen the organisation supporting the programme and the sense of common responsibility within the department.

### **Aims**

- An attractive and engaging full-time study programme of value to our students and society.
- Updated elements of the BSc programme to secure clear progression and coherence between themes and courses across semesters. Updates are adapted to the changing scientific field, society, and the labour market.
- An organisational structure and culture, which supports a greater common responsibility for the study programme across the department's research sections, increased collaboration across study programmes, and continued pedagogical and substantial innovation of courses.
- An international MSc in political science with focus on public policy & public leadership in a European perspective located in Sønderborg, with first student intake by 2023.

### **Actions**

- Implement the pedagogical frame for the Faculty of Business and Social Sciences and the five-point plan from the Executive Board.
- Establish a task force to revise methods courses with focus on coherence and progression and assess the need for a revision of the BSc programme in political science.
- Develop an educational management structure that underpins the common responsibility for the political science programme across research sections, as well as increased collaboration across the department's study programmes.
- To explore the synergies offered by the bi-campus structure and multiple study programmes at the Department of Political Science and Public Management.
- Continue the work in the established task force to set up and launch an attractive international MSc in political science in Sønderborg by autumn 2023.