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Welcome to DIMS!

The Master's Programme in Social Sciences, specialization
Digital Media and Society

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Agenda

1. Presentation of MCS at UU and the DIMS coordinator
2. Round of presentations
3. Introduction to the programme
4. Q&A.

(Disclaimer: This is an introduction to the full DIMS master's **programme** – not an introduction to the course on “Digital Media, Culture & Society” which takes place 13.15 in this hall today).



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Media and Communication Studies (MCS) at UU

- One out of three disciplines at the Department of Informatics and Media (around 75 people).
- Sweden's most popular MCS bachelor's programme.
- MCS research at UU is broad and hosts experts in discourse theory, media/cultural sociology, strategic communication, media policy, and existential media studies.



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Johan

- Associate Professor.
- I teach thesis courses, research methods, media and communication theory and "core courses" in DIMS.
- I study media audiences/users, the Nordic media system, the journalistic field, social class and the media.
- If you're interested in what I do:
<https://katalog.uu.se/empinfo/?id=N19-2617>
<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Hisqf0cAAAAJ&hl=sv>
- My role in "DIMS": admitting students, overviewing the progression and the contents in the programme and teaching.
- For administrative (e.g., registrations) questions please consult Tina Kekkonen (tina.kekkonen@im.uu.se)



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Round of presentations

- Your name, where you are from, where you have studied, what you have studied.



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Short introduction to the programme



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A Master's Programme in Social Sciences

- With a major in Media and Communication Studies

- > specializing in Digital Media and Society



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- **Main fields of study in the programme are:**
Economic History
Media and Communication Studies ("DIMS")
Psychology
Social and Economic Geography
Social Work
Sociology



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Programme structure and courses

The two-year Master programme (120 credits) is built around four main components, relating to different types of knowledge, skills and competences:

- **Core courses** (30c) – these are given by “us” (MCS)
- **Skills courses** (30c) – these are given by other disciplines at the faculty
- **Elective courses** (30c) (these can be at undergrad/first cycle-level. **No more than 30 credits can be taken at undergrad level**).
- the **Master’s thesis** (30c)



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Core courses

A mandatory part of the programme is core courses (30 credits), in the major Media and Communication Studies. All given at the Department of Informatics and Media.

- 2IV139 MCS/Digital Media, Culture and Society, 7.5 c
- 2IV140 MCS/Digital Media and Organizations, 7.5 c
Later in this fall.
- 2IV141 MCS/Global Perspectives on Social Change and Digital Media, 7.5 c
Spring semester 2024.
- 2IV179 MCS/Digital Media, Democracy and the Welfare State, 7.5 c
Spring semester 2024.

Starts today
with Peter
Jakobsson, PhD.





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Skills courses

Another component of the programme is the skills courses (30 credits). Different departments of the Faculty of Social Sciences are involved in the organisation of these. In these courses you study with the other programme students.

- 2SC099 Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences, 7.5 c (Department of Sociology).
- 2ST106 Quantitative Methods, 7.5 c (Department of Statistics)
- 2EH410 Philosophy of Science for Social Scientists, 7.5 c (Department of Economic History)
Fall 2024.
- 2EH407 Social Scientific Methods, 7.5 c (Department of Economic History)
Fall 2024.



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Regarding "Quantitative methods"

- Brush up your statistics before starting this course.
- A challenging course for many students.
- You need to have passed this course to get admitted to the thesis course (final semester).



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Elective courses

Yet another component of the programme concerns elective courses (30 credits), allowing students to deepen their knowledge and expertise in specific areas, on the basis of their special interests.

- Choose freely from Uppsala University's courses on advanced level – of which many are given in English.
- Internship courses (max 15 credits) offered for DIMS students only (organizations or research).
- Undergraduate courses in Media and Communication Studies.
- Swedish students can take courses from any other Swedish university or choose to study abroad.
- Paying students cannot take more than 30 c per semester without additional fees.
- Always see if you are eligible (for instance, internship courses require 60c completed within the programme).



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Master's thesis

The last component of the programme is the Master's thesis (30 credits), which is normally completed during the last semester of the students' studies and in which the students undertake independent academic research under supervision.

All the other courses on the programme should serve as a preparation for this.



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In order to get admitted to the master's thesis course you must be

- Admitted to the master's programme.
- Have finished at least 37,5 credits out of which 22,5 is in MCS (e.g. "core courses") and 15 credits "skills courses" (Qualitative methods + Quantitative methods).



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Structure

Semester 1: Fall 2023

Period 1 Core course 1, 7,5 credits (**DIGITAL MEDIA, CULTURE & SOCIETY, 2IV139**)

Period 2: Skills course 1, 7,5 credits (Qualitative methods, Sociology)

Period 3: Core course 2, 7,5 credits (**DIGITAL MEDIA AND ORGANIZATIONS, 2IV140**)

Period 4: Skills course 2 7,5 credits (Quantitative methods, Statistics)

Semester 2: Spring 2024

Period 1: Core course 3, 7,5 credits (**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON SOCIAL CHANGE AND DIGITAL MEDIA, 2IV141**)

Period 2: Core course 4, 7,5 credits (**DIGITAL MEDIA, DEMOCRACY AND THE WELFARE STATE, 2IV179**)

Period 3: Elective course 1 7,5 credits (**MCS: EUROPEAN MEDIA SPACES**)

Period 4: Elective course 2 7,5 credits

Alternative period 3-4 : One year master's thesis 15 hp

Semester 3: Fall 2024

Period 1: Elective course 3 7,5 credits (**ORGANIZATIONAL/RESEARCH INTERNSHIP**)

Period 2: Skills course 3 7,5 credits (Theory of Science, Economic history)

Period 3: Elective course 4 7,5 credits (**ORGANIZATIONAL/RESEARCH INTERNSHIP**)

Period 4: Skills course 4 7,5 credits (Social Scientific Methods, Economic history)

Semester 4: Spring 2025

Master's thesis (30 hp)

Choose your
elective
courses for the
second
semester
before 15
October.



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Regarding deviations from the structure

- In some cases alternative paths in the programme structure can be made, but not always.
- For instance, it is *not* possible to do an internship for a full semester (semester 3).
- If you have ideas about deviating from the programme structure, make sure to do your homework properly and read up on requirements/syllabi etc.
- Approach Tina Kekkonen (tina.kekkonen@im.uu.se) with these questions.



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Requirements for applying for the master's degree

“In order to be entitled to a Master of Arts/Science (120 credits) the following requirements have to be fulfilled: Finished courses at the second cycle totaling 120 credits (two years of full time studies). **Of the courses included 30 credits maximum is allowed to be at first cycle.** However, courses already included in the underlying first cycle degree (i.e. Bachelor's degree) can not be included. In addition to this, a main field of study of at least 60 credits at second cycle, including a degree project of 30 credits minimum, is required.”

<https://www.uu.se/en/students/degrees-and-careers/degrees/levels-and-degrees/>



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In sum, DIMS is...

- ...a **social science** master's programme
- ...an **interdisciplinary** programme.
- ...a **broad** programme with...
- ...opportunities for individual **tayloring** (elective courses/internships)
- ...a programme that requires students to take a lot of **individual responsibility** (for studies, for programme trajectory, elective courses etc).

(typical week = 1-2 lectures, own readings, one seminar).



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Studium – the teaching platform

Digital Media and Society specialisation

The Master's Programme in Social Sciences is a programme that offers a specialisation in one subject combined with diversification in other social sciences. You will gain academic proficiency as well as knowledge that is sought after in the labour market.

The Digital Media and Society specialisation is the only international branch of the programme. It will provide you with the advanced tools to understand and analyse how media are shaping and being shaped by culture, education, politics and economy, as well as how they interact with our daily life, professional life and social life. You will gain a solid foundation in the area of digital media and at the same time have the opportunity to broaden your knowledge on a number of areas within social sciences.



<https://login.studium.uu.se>

Check the programme website from time to time, especially for information about the structure of the programme. Communication, however, is primarily taking place through the individual course websites on Studium. This week *Digital Media, Culture & Society* (course code: 2IV139) starts, and the course page on Studium is where communication takes place.



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Different questions to different people

- Course coordinators for questions about courses.
- Johan Lindell (johan.lindell@im.uu.se) programme contents, especially "core courses" and master's thesis.
- Tina Kekkonen (tina.kekkonen@im.uu.se) (administrator at Informatics and Media. Questions regarding registration and student counseling etc.)
- Peter Jakobsson (peter.jakobsson@im.uu.se) (course coordinator for the first core course, *Digital Media, Culture and Society*).
- Jenny Björkegård (jenny.bjorkegard@ekhist.uu.se) administrator for the full programme.
- Lina Solander (lina.solander@uadm.uu.se) at the international office. Questions about moving to Sweden, housing etc.



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Q&A



Is there anything that you would like to ask at this point?



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General information about studies at Uppsala University





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Important Links

- The Uppsala University web: <https://www.uu.se/en>
- Studium: <https://login.studium.uu.se>
- TimeEdit: <https://cloud.timeedit.net/uu/web/schema/.html>
- The Student Health: <https://uu.se/en/students/support-and-services/health-care/>
- Uppsala Student Union: <https://www.uskar.se/>
- Uppsala Medievetare: <https://www.facebook.com/uppsalamedievetare/>



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Important Links

- The Uppsala University Library: www.ub.uu.se

**COURSES AND
EVENTS**

3 SEP Evening at the library for international students
18:00

5 SEP Adam Helms Lecture
17:00 2019

17 SEP Introduktion till Zotero
09:30

17 SEP Introduction to R-programming
13:15

More events →

- The Language Workshop:
<https://www.sprakverkstaden.uu.se/?languageId=1>

**A RESOURCE FOR
ACADEMIC LANGUAGE**

Are you having trouble structuring a paper? Do you want some feedback on the language in your oral presentation? If so, the Language Workshop can help you. The Language Workshop is open to all undergraduate and graduate/post-graduate students at Uppsala university and is free of charge. We offer consultations in both Swedish and English.

Make an appointment



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Rules, rights and guidelines

- Students with special support need to contact Course Coordinator (on the specific course) and Study Councillor (studievagledare@im.uu.se) with certificates. Link to more info: <http://www.uu.se/en/students/support-and-services/>
- Guidelines on Working Conditions for students at Uppsala University: https://www.uu.se/en/students/your_rights/student_working_conditions/
- Uppsala Pedagogical Programme: <http://regler.uu.se/document/?contentId=14251&contentId=14251>
- Students with children should be aware of uu's Parental Policy: <http://regler.uu.se/document/?contentId=14389&contentId=14389>
- Fraud and plagiarism is always strictly forbidden! All cases will be reported to higher instances at Uppsala University. Make sure you are updated about the rules: <https://ibg.uu.se/student-en/plagiarism-and-cheating/>
- Students who need ECTS grades, contact johan.lindell@im.uu.se – before the examination!



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- Study Counselor: Tina Kekkonen (tina.kekkonen@im.uu.se) and
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AGAIN, WELCOME TO DIMS!