



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Science

1SK115 Internationell makt, säkerhet och demokrati, 7,5  
högskolepoäng

International power, security and democracy, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Political Science

### **Subject Group**

Political Science

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G1F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2015-11-25

Revised 2017-06-13 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Changes made to the course literature.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2017

### **Prerequisites**

A minimum of 30 credits in Political Science.

## Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- Describe the key concepts and knowledge within the research field of power, security and crises in international politics
- Account for the knowledge of transatlantic security with special emphasis on the U.S. and EU
- Describe the key concepts and knowledge of states and international organisations as foreign policy actors
- Describe and analyse topical security threats and crises in international politics

## Content

The course introduces concepts of and theoretical perspectives on power, security and the democratic peace in international politics. A fundamental issue discussed is how a stable and peaceful order within world politics can be established, and the foreign-policy role powerful states such as the U.S. and Russia as well as international organisations such as the EU and NATO have in relation to topical international security threats and crises.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

## Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

Grade A represents the highest grade, and the subsequent grades follow in descending order, where grade E is the lowest grade that qualifies as a Pass. A grade of F means that the student's performance is assessed as Fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is permitted to supplement his/her examination.

Examination consists of two written assignment and one oral presentation. In order to receive a grade of Pass (E) in the course, the intended learning outcomes must be fulfilled.

## Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

## Other

Information about the grading criteria for the A-F scale is provided to the students in a separate document in connection with the start of the course, at the latest.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Ikenberry, John G. (senaste upplagan). *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, (293 pages).

Kagan, Robert (Latest edition). *Of Paradise & Power: America and Europe in the New World Order*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, (112 pages).

Neack, Laura (2017). *National, International and Human Security: A comparative introduction*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. (216 pages).

Articles/books chosen by the students prior to the final paper, approx. 500 pages.