



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Political Science

1SK118 Demokratiseringsstudier, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
Democratization studies, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Political Science

### **Subject**

Political Science

### **Level**

First cycle

### **Progression**

G1N

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2020-04-29.

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2026.

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements.

### **Objectives**

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- Define the key concepts within democratisation.
- Account for various explanatory theoretical perspectives on democratisation.
- Account for democratisation trends throughout the world.
- Apply explanatory theoretical perspectives on democratisation processes throughout the world.

## Content

The course introduces the concepts, theoretical perspectives and trends within research into democratisation. The course starts with a discussion on the fundamental concepts such as democracy, dictatorship, political rights, democratisation as a phenomenon, and various processes and stages. The second part of the course discusses various positive and negative theoretical factors with regard to democratisation. The final part addresses historical and contemporary trends in terms of democratisation throughout the world.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

## Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E 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 takes place by means of two seminars, assessed by the graded of Pass or Fail, one written assignment, and a take-home exam. The takehome exam is assessed by the grades A-F. In order to receive a grade of Pass (E) in the course, all the objectives must be fulfilled and all the examinations must be assessed as at least Pass. The final grade in the course is determined by the grade received for the takehome exam (A-F).

Resit examination is offered in accordance with Linnaeus University's Local regulations for courses and examination at the first- and second-cycle levels.

In the event that a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements.

## Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course.

## Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course:  
1SK114 7.5 credits and 1SK162 7.5 credits.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Kendall-Taylor Andrea, Natasha Lindstaedt & Erica Frantz (latest edition).  
*Democracies and Authoritarian Regimes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, (376 p).

Huntington, Samuel P. (1991/93): *The Third Wave – Democratization in the late 20th Century*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, (320 p). ISBN-13: 978-0806125169.

Articles and additional material, provided by the library or other on-line material, 500

pages.