



## 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 Group**

Political Science

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G1N

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2020-04-29

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2021

### **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, 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 takes place by means of two seminars including two written assignments, and a take-home exam. The seminars are assessed by the grades of Fail or Pass. The take-home 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 take-home exam (A-F).

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

### Course Evaluation

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

### Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following 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

Haerpfer, Christian W. et al. Patrick (2018, Second edition) *Democratization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780198732280, 512 pages.

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

Articles and additional material, provided by the library, 400 pages