



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Political Science

1SK119 Internationell makt, säkerhet och demokrati, 7,5  
högskolepoäng  
International power, security and democracy, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Political Science

### **Subject**

Political Science

### **Level**

First cycle

### **Progression**

G1N

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2020-04-29.

Revised 2024-01-24. Revision of course literature.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2024.

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements.

### **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 the 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 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 of the course consists of three seminars including assignments, and a take-home exam.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course (E), all the examination assignments and the intended learning outcomes of the course must be fulfilled. To be awarded a final grade of D-A in the course, it is required that the grading criteria are fulfilled based on a weighted assessment of the grades for all the examination assignments.

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 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.

## 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:  
1SK115, 7.5 credits.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

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

Neack, Laura (2017). *National, International and Human Security: A comparative introduction*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. (216 pages). ISBN: 9781442275263

Rudd, Kevin (Latest edition). *The Avoidable War: The Dangers of a Catastrophic Conflict between the US and Xi Jinping's China*. New York Public Affairs. (432 pages).

Articles/books chosen by the students prior to the final paper, approx. 300 pages.