



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Social Sciences

1SK120 Svensk och jämförande politik, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Swedish and Comparative Politics, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

GIN

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-07-17

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

Prerequisites

English B.

Expected learning outcomes

After completed course the student is expected to be able to:

- have general knowledge about contemporary problems in the field of Swedish and comparative politics
- have an overview of theoretical tools and concepts of the field
- have basic tools to understand and apply these to the field of Swedish and Comparative Politics

Content

This course will make the student familiar with central objects of studies in Swedish Political system as well as other political systems in a comparative perspective. The course also enhances the understanding of these phenomena by introducing suitable theories for comparative analyzes. Swedish and Comparative Politics focuses on four political processes. First, articulated political demands and supports in political conflicts, different political cultures, and through variants of political participation. Second, aggregated interests by political parties and free and fair elections. Third, policy making and decisions within different forms of government. Fourth, democratization with focus on modern Swedish political history.

Type of Instruction

Lecturers and seminars.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

The course is assessed by a written and/or oral exam, which may be accompanied by a seminar session. The grades are transferred to the following ECTS grades: A, B, C, D, E, F or Fx.

Course Evaluation

A written evaluation is completed after the course, and it will be archived at the School of Social Sciences. The result and possible changes will be communicated to the students next time the course will be given.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Swedish and Comparative Politics

Hague, Rod and Martin Harrop (2007) *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*. Hampshire: Palgrave MacMillan. (289 p.)

Hadenius, Stig (2008,) *Swedish Politics during the 20th Century: Conflict and Consensus*. Stockholm: Swedish Institute. (174 p.)

McCormick, John (Latest edition), *Understanding the European Union: A Concise Introduction*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Share, Don, Patrick H. O'Neil and Karl Fields (2006), *Cases in Comparative Politics*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company. (504 p.)

Larsson, Thorbjörn and Henry Bäck (2008), *Governing and Governance in Sweden*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. (162 p.)

Articles (Provided via the University Library databases or provided by the course instructor, 100 p.)