



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Science

1SK123 Svensk och jämförande politik, 7,5 högskolepoäng

1SK123 Swedish and Comparative Politics, 7.5 credits

**Main field of study**

Political Science

**Subject Group**

Political Science

**Level of classification**

First Level

**Progression**

G1N

**Date of Ratification**

Approved 2018-11-28

Revised 2019-06-13 by Faculty of Social Sciences. The number of pages of articles has been increased.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2019

**Prerequisites**

General entry requirements for university studies.

## Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- identify the driving forces that influence the political development, and describe how the distribution of power is structured in various political systems
- account for the fundamental elements of the political system and institutions of the EU
- compare the political systems of various countries and explain the consequences that these differences involve
- account for significant developments in modern political history and evaluate their importance.

## Content

The course deals with knowledge of the political systems in various countries, on the basis of key concepts and theories of comparative politics. One of the main themes is the intention to increase the understanding of the driving forces that influence the

political development, how the distribution of power is structured within different political systems as well as why and the consequences of this. Furthermore, the differences between the political systems in different countries revealed during the course are also discussed, as well as the causes and the consequences that these differences involve.

## 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 of the course objectives takes place by means of a written exam comprising 6 credits, assessed by the grades A-F, and through participation in seminars comprising 1.5 credits, assessed by the grades Fail or Pass. The grade in the entire course is determined by the grade for the written exam, provided that the student receives a grade of Pass for the seminar participation.

## 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.

## Credit 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: 1SK101, module 2, 7.5 credits.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Anckar, Carsten, Bengtsson, Åsa, Denk, Thomas & Karvonen, Lauri (Latest edition) . *Komparativ politik: institutioner och beteenden*, Lund: Studentlitteratur, (320 p.)

Denk, Thomas & Anckar, Carsten (Eds.) (Latest edition) *Komparativ politik. Nio politiska system*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (296 p.)

Möller, Tommy (Latest edition). *Svensk politisk historia*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (328 p.)

Norén Bretzer, Ylva (Latest edition). *Sveriges politiska system*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (260 p.)

Tallberg, Jonas (Latest edition) *EU:s politiska system*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (200 p.).

Østerud, Øyvind (Latest edition). *Statsvetenskap: introduktion i politisk analys*. Stockholm: Natur och kultur, (432 p.)

Additional articles, approximately 100 pages.