



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

1SK128 Komparativ politik, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Comparative Politics, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject

Political Science

Level

First cycle

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2020-11-11.

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2025.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Objectives

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

- use key concepts to describe different kinds of political systems,
- account for significant events in modern political history and evaluate their importance to the political development in various countries,
- account for the aspects that influence people's individual political behaviour,
- identify the driving forces that impact the political development and describe

how the distribution of power is structured within various political systems,

- compare the political systems in different countries and explain the consequences and differences these entail.

Content

The course discusses the political systems in force in various countries based on key concepts and theories of comparative politics. Significant themes concern increasing the understanding of the driving forces that impact the political development and how the distribution of power is structured in different political systems. Furthermore, the differences that become evident between the political systems in different countries, the causes of these differences and the consequences they lead to are also discussed.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form 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 on the scale, 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 takes place by means of a written exam comprising 6 credits, assessed by the grades of A-F, and by participation in two seminars comprising 1.5 credits, assessed by the grades of Fail or Pass. The final grade in the course is determined by the grade for the written exam, provided that the seminar participation receives the grade of Pass.

In order to receive a grade of E in the course, all the objectives must be fulfilled. To be awarded a final grade of D-A in the course, it is required that the grading criteria are fulfilled for the written exam.

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:
1SK123 Swedish and Comparative Politics, 7.5 credits and 1SK101 Political Science I,

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 (Ed.) (Latest edition). *Komparativ politik. Elva politiska system*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. 391 p.

Scientific publications also included, approximately 200 pages.