



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

1SK12U Relationen mellan religion, politiska partier och väljare, 2,5
högskolepoäng

The relation between religion, political parties, and voters, 2.5
credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject

Political Science

Level

First cycle

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2025-06-09.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2025.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for university studies

Objectives

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

- account for theories of the relation between religion, political parties and voters,
- compare and examine critically various theoretical assumptions applied to analyse the relation between religion, political parties and voters,
- assess and examine critically the empirical application of theories of the relation between religion, political parties and voters.

Content

The course looks into theories of the relation between religion, political parties and voters, as well as empirical applications of these theories. The course discusses theories and empiricism of political conflicts, the changes within party politics, authoritarian populist parties, popular mass movements, and religious nationalism.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place entirely online and consists of lectures and seminars.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E or F.

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that qualifies as a Pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as Fail.

The examination is based on four notifications of results, of which three are web-based seminars and one is an individual written examination carried out online. In order to receive a grade of Pass (E), the course objectives must be fulfilled. For a grade of D - A in the course, it is required that the criteria for these grades are fulfilled.

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.

In the event a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

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