



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Science

1SK162 Demokratisering i världen, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Democratization in the World, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Political Science

### **Subject Group**

Political Science

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G1N

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2015-01-21

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2020

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements for university studies.

## Objectives

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

- discuss and define democratisation as a concept and phenomenon,
- present different explanatory perspectives on democratisation, and
- identify democracy models and democratisation in our modern world.

## Content

The main purpose of the course is to introduce the concepts, theoretical perspectives and empirical results of research into democratisation. The course begins with a discussion about the basic concepts, definitions and theories that influence research into democratisation. This discussion covers democracy in the form of political rights and civic freedoms, democratisation as a phenomenon, processes and phases, and identified positive and negative factors for democratisation. The second part of the course examines historical and contemporary trends concerning democratisation in the world.

## 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.

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. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

Students who have not passed (i.e. received the grade of F) at the regular examination will be offered a new examination shortly after the scheduled examination date.

In order to receive a grade of Pass (E) in the course, the intended learning outcomes must be attained.

### Course Evaluation

A course evaluation, orally or in writing, is carried out at the end of the course, and the results are later presented to the students.

### Other

Information about the grading criteria of the A-F scale is given in a separate document, provided at the start of the course, at the latest.

### Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Haerpfer, Christian, et. al (2018). *Democratization* (2nd Edition). Oxford: Oxford University Press. 476 pages.

Kendall-Taylor, A., Lindstaedt, N., & Frantz, E. (2019). *Democracies and Authoritarian Regimes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780198820819.

Articles (to be downloaded via the University library). 200 pages.