



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Science

1SK165 Svensk politik för internationella studenter, 7.5 credits  
Swedish Politics for International Students

**Main field of study**

Political Science

**Subject Group**

Political Science

**Level of classification**

First Level

**Progression**

G1N

**Date of Ratification**

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2020-05-13  
The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2021

**Prerequisites**

General entry requirements.

## Objectives

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

- account for the overall political development in Sweden from the 19th century until the present time,
- describe the political institutions in Sweden at the national, regional and local levels,
- describe the role and responsibilities of the Swedish administration in relation to political decision-making,
- describe Sweden as a member state of the EU,
- compare the Swedish political system to the political system of another country.

## Content

The course starts with an overview of the political development in Sweden during the past 200 years, followed by a description of the most important institutions in Sweden; the Swedish Parliament and Government, governmental authorities and the county administrative boards. Regional as well as local political institutions are also significant and given major emphasis in the course. The governance of public activities and how the responsibilities are allocated between the officials working within the administration and elected officials are problematized. The impact of the EU on Sweden and how Sweden acts in the role as a member state is also an important theme discussed in the course. Students are at the end of the course given the opportunity to conduct a comparative analysis of the Swedish political system and a comparative analysis of the Swedish political system in relation to that of another country, such as the political system in the student's home country.

## 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 takes place by means of a take-home exam, and two written assignments to be discussed in a subsequent seminar.

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 based on a weighted assessment of the grades for all the examination assignments.

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.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Pierre, Jon (Ed.) (2017). *Oxford Handbook of Swedish Politics*. [Place of publication not identified]: OXFORD UNIV Press. ISBN: 0198803117. 736 pages.

Additional scientific publications, approximately 200 pages.