



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Social Sciences

1SK191 Demokratisering i världen, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Democratisation in the World, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

GIN

Date of Ratification

Approved by the Board of the School of Social Sciences 2009-12-10

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2011

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Expected learning outcomes

Upon course completion the student shall:

- Be able to comprehend the main content of introductory textbooks on democratization:
- Be able to discuss and define democratization as concept and phenomena,
- Be able to present different explanatory perspectives on democratization, and
- Be able to identify patterns of democracy and democratization in our contemporary world.

Content

The course aims to introduce students to concepts, theoretical perspectives and empirical findings within the research field of democratization. The course begins with discussions on core concepts, definitions and theories that frames the research on democratization. This discussion includes democracy as political rights and civil liberties, democratization as phenomena, process and phases regarded as favourable and unfavourable factors affecting democratization. The second part of the course explores the historical and contemporary trends of democratization.

Type of Instruction

Tutoring consists of lectures, seminars and assignments. Participation in seminars is mandatory.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Active participation in class and results in oral and written exams, are assessed.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of Linnaeus University. The compilation is delivered to the programme council, as well as to the teacher of the course. The next time the course is given the students are informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any changes that have been made in the course.

Other

International students are required to have a minimum of two years of successfully completed full-time studies (120 ECTS) at university level.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Haerpfer, Christian W., Bernhagen, Patrick, Inglehart, Ronald F. & Welzel, Christian (eds) (Latest edition) *Democratization*. Oxford: Oxford university press. 400 pages.

Hagopian, Frances & Mainwaring, Scott (Eds) (2005) *The Third Wave of Democratization in Latin America: Advances and Setbacks*. Cambridge University Press. 432 pages.

Articles provided by the School of Social Sciences or via Internet databases (150 pages).