



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

1SK205 Diktaturer, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Dictatorships, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject

Political Science

Level

First cycle

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2026.

Prerequisites

The courses 1SK122 Political Ideas, 1SK127 Swedish Politics and Public Administration, 1SK128 Comparative Politics, and 1SK125 International Politics 1-30 credits or the equivalent.

Objectives

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

- explain the key concepts within the research area of political regimes with a special focus on dictatorships,
- describe the institutional differences between democracy and dictatorship,
- describe the institutional conditions for different types of dictatorships,
- discuss and analyse contemporary dictatorial regimes in the world.

Content

The course looks into the different kinds of regimes existing in the world: the democratic, dynastic, totalitarian, authoritarian, and hybrid regimes. The course particularly focuses on what characterizes different dictatorships and how different institutional conditions within dictatorships influence the political content and development. The course also discusses what it is like for a member of society in political terms as well as in terms of living in different kinds of dictatorships.

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, 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 a 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 two seminars including written assignments and discussions, and one more extensive written assignment including a presentation.

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. Information about the basis of assessment and grading criteria is given in a separate document, provided at the start of the course, at the latest.

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: 1SK202, module 3, 7.5 credits.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Diamond Larry, Plattner, Marc F. & Walker, Christopher. (2016). *Authoritarianism Goes Global – The Challenge to Democracy*. Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 256 p. ISBN: 9781421419978.

Silander, Daniel. (2012). *Politiska regimer*. Stockholm: Santérus förlag, 135 p. ISBN: 9789173590587.

Scholar At Risk (Latest version). *Free To Think - Report of the Scholars at Risk Academic Freedom Monitoring Project*. New York: Scholar At Risk. Publications and reports approx. 500 p.