



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

1SK209 Självständigt arbete, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Independent Essay Work, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject

Political Science

Level

First cycle

Progression

G1E

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, students shall be able to:

- formulate and analyse a problem of political science in an essay,
- perform a scientific study, and
- defend the independent work in a seminar, and critically review scientific studies.

Content

The student shall, either individually or as part of a pair, perform a political scientific study and present it in the form of an essay. The subject of the essay is chosen in consultation with supervisors, and the essay work is performed under the supervision of teachers. The essay shall be defended in a seminar. In addition, the student must act as the external reviewer for another study at a public discussion and examination. In order to receive a grade of Pass, the essay must fulfil the scientific criteria specified by the teacher.

Type of Instruction

Instruction takes place by means of lectures, practical assignments, supervision 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 Fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is permitted to supplement his/her examination.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, the course objectives must be fulfilled. Information about the grading criteria of the A-F scale is given in a special document, and shall be provided at the start of the course, at the latest.

Examination of the course objectives takes place through a seminar where the student shall defend his/her essay. The student must also act as the external reviewer for another study at a public discussion and examination.

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

Ekengren, AnnMarie och Jonas Hinnfors (Latest edition). *Uppsatshandbok: Hur du lyckas med din uppsats*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (137 p.)

Jarrick, Arne & Josephson, Olle (Latest edition). *Från tanke till text. En språkhandbok för uppsatsskrivande studenter*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (130 p.)

Svenska Språknämnden. *Svenska skrivregler*. Stockholm: Liber, (264 p.)

Other course literature is chosen in consultation with the teacher (approx. 500 pages).