



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Political Science

2SK301 Statsvetenskaplig analys, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
Political Analysis, 7.5 credits

**Main field of study**

Political Science

**Subject Group**

Political Science

**Level of classification**

First Level

**Progression**

G2F

**Date of Ratification**

Approved 2018-06-13

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2019

**Prerequisites**

Political Science I, 30 credits and Political Science II, 30 credits, or the equivalent.

### Objectives

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

- explain theories of political science and analytical orientations, and
- critically review and apply theories to problem areas of political science.

### Content

The course provides a broad overview of the analytical orientations of political science, as well as deeper knowledge of political theory and analysis and basic knowledge of scientific theory.

### Type of Instruction

The instruction consists of lectures and seminar exercises.

### 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.

In order to receive a grade of Pass (E) in the course, it is required that all the examination assignments and the intended learning outcomes are attained.

To be awarded a final grade of D-A in the course, it is required that the grading criteria are fulfilled based on weighted grading of all the examination assignments. Information about the grading criteria of the A-F scale is given in a special document, provided at the start of the course, at the latest.

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of two written assignments and a take-home 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

Allison, Graham & Zelikow, Philip D. (Latest edition) *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis*. Harlow: Pearson (350 p.)

Cartwright, N, and Montuschi, E. (Eds.) (2014) *Philosophy of social science: a new introduction*. Oxford. OUP. (353 p.) ISBN: 9780199645107

Marsh, David & Stoker, Gerry (Eds.) (Latest edition). *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. Basingstoke: Palgrave/Macmillan (360 p.)

Additional scientific articles, approx. 100 p.