



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Political Science

4SK108 Kulturella perspektiv på politik, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
Cultural Perspectives on Politics, 7.5 credits

**Main field of study**

Political Science

**Subject**

Political Science

**Level**

Second cycle

**Progression**

A1N

**Date of Ratification**

Approved 2019-12-18.

Revised 2026-01-20. The prerequisite requirement has been supplemented with subjects according to GY25.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2026.

**Prerequisites**

General entry requirements for second-cycle studies in social sciences or cultural sciences as main field of study. English 6/English level 2, or the equivalent.

## Objectives

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

- Account for cultural perspectives on the study of politics.
- Compare and contrast cultural perspectives on the study of politics, with reference to the outsets, approaches and analyses applied.
- Analyse political phenomena by the use of cultural perspectives.

## Content

The course introduces cultural perspectives on the study of politics, and discusses a number of various perspectives as well as how these may lead to a deepened understanding of political phenomena in relation to how politics traditionally has been studied within the subject of political science. Theoretical and methodological tools applied in social sciences and cultural sciences are presented. Students shall also identify and analyse political phenomena by the use of the perspectives introduced in the course.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching consists 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 on the scale, 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 three written seminar assignments and participation in seminar activities.

In order to receive a grade of E in the course, all the intended learning outcomes must be attained. The written seminar assignments are marked: a maximum of 10 points each may be achieved for seminar assignments 1 and 2, and a maximum of 30 points for assignment 3. The grade for the entire course is determined by combining the points by the use of a scale ranging between 1-50, in which the grade of E is equivalent to 25-29 points, D is equivalent to 30-34 points, C is equivalent to 35-40 points, B is equivalent to 41-45 points, and the grade of A is equivalent to 46-50 points. Information about the grading criteria for the A-F scale is provided in a separate document.

## 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.

## Other Information

The course is included as an optional course in the Master's Programmes in Political Science and International Affairs. The course is also available for students studying other subjects within social sciences and cultural sciences at the second-cycle level.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Alexander, Jeffrey C. (2005). *The Meanings of Social Life*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, selected parts, ca. 200 p. ISBN: 9780195306408

Alexander, Jeffrey C, Anna Lund, Andrea Voyer, eds. (2020). *The Nordic Civil Sphere*. Cambridge: Polity Press, selected parts, ca. 200 p. ISBN: 9781509538843

Bourdieu, Pierre (1993). *Language and Symbolic Power*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard

University Press, selected parts, ca. 200 p. ISBN: 9780674510418

Coetzee, J. M. (2016). *The Lives of Animals*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 144 p. ISBN: 9780691173900

Didion, Joan (2002) *Political Fictions*. New York: Vintage Books, 352 p. ISBN: 9780375718908

Enroth, Henrik (2019) "Populism and the Particularization of Solidarity: On the Sweden Democrats." Kommande i Alexander, Jeffrey C. Peter Kivisto, Giuseppe Sciortino, eds. (2021) *The Civil Sphere and Populism*. Cambridge: Polity Press, ca. 35 p.

Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty (2004) "Harlem." *Social Text* 22(4): 113-139, 26 p.

Articles or other study material may be included, approx. 150 pages.