



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

SK1124 Political Theory, 7.5 credits

Politisk teori, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Political Science on 2018-12-06 to be valid from 2019-11-05, autumn semester of 2019.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: Department of Political Science

Position in the educational system

The course is a compulsory course within the Bachelor's Program in Political Science. The course is also given as a single subject course. The course is also an elective course within the European Studies Program and the Program in Environmental Social Science. The course is a core course in political science.

The course can be part of the following programmes: 1) Program in Environmental Social Science (S1SML), 2) European Studies Program (S1EUR), 3) Program in Environmental Social Science (S1SMI) and 4) Program in Political Science (S1STV)

Main field of studies

Political Science

Specialization

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Entry requirements

General entrance requirements

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- Describe the main features of central political ideologies as well as central theories and perspectives in political theory.

Competence and skills

- Apply political-theoretical ideas on concrete societal issues.
- Independently produce text in accordance with good academic practice, including proper citation technique and use of references
- Communicate clearly and proficiently in Swedish both orally and in writing

Judgement and approach

Using the theories taught on the course, critically assess political phenomena and political positions.

Course content

The course presents and discusses the history of political thought, with an emphasis on ideas that are of continuing practical relevance. The course covers broad traditions of political thought as well as individual political thinkers.

Form of teaching

Lectures and seminars.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Kursen ges på svenska men litteratur och föreläsningar på engelska kan förekomma. The course is taught in Swedish but course readings and lectures in English may occur.

Assessment

Written and oral examination.

The main form of examination is a written exam. Each time the course is held, there are two opportunities to write the exam. There are also two seminar exercises that require a written submission. If the student's seminar submission is failed, or the student does not actively participate in the seminar, he or she is required to make up for this in order to receive the grade Pass.

If a student, who has failed the same examined component twice, wishes to change examiner before the next examination, a written application shall be sent to the department responsible for the course and shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

At least five occasions shall be offered students to pass a course or part of a course (Chapter 6, Section 21 of Higher Education Ordinance).

In cases where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student shall normally be guaranteed at least three examination occasions (including the ordinary examination) during a period of at least one year from the last time the course was given. This may not be in conflict with Chapter 6 Section 21 of Higher Education Ordinance.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

For the grade Pass (G), the student must receive the grade Pass (G) on the seminar exercises as well as on the written exam. The seminar exercises are only graded on the scale Pass (G) or Fail (U).

For the grade Pass with Distinction (VG), in addition to receiving the grade Pass (G) on the seminar exercises, the student must receive the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) on the written exam.

Course evaluation

The student will be given the opportunity to do a course evaluation. The results of and possible changes to the course will be shared with students who participated in the evaluation and students who are starting the course.