

## **STVA12, Political Science: Level 1, 30 credits**

*Statsvetenskap: Grundkurs, 30 högskolepoäng*

**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus is an old version, approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2012-04-12 and was valid from 2012-05-03, autumn semester 2012.

### **General Information**

The course constitutes the first semester studies in the main field of study political science. The course can be read as a freestanding course or in programme according to programme syllabus.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

Political Science

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*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

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### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- demonstrate an understanding of the meaning of policy, its borders, actors and structures and processes

- show knowledge of central political science related issues and basic methods and technologies

### **Competence and skills**

- demonstrate the ability to choose and use relevant tools to solve provided analytical problems

- demonstrate the ability to compile and communicate results of a learning process in both written and oral form within given time and space limits

- demonstrate the ability to carry out basic information retrievals and be able to carry out simple reference management

- demonstrate the ability to take responsibility for and plan their own work and learning process

- demonstrate the ability to cooperate with other in order to implement joint aims.

### **Course content**

The aim of the course is to give an introduction to the scientific study of policy. The course includes three modules.

Module 1 Political science related introduction (7.5 credits)

The module starts with a presentation of the political science as the scientific study of policy. Emphasis is placed at the meaning of this approach and at the development and current nature in view of the basic element of the research process of the subject: problem, theory, method, materials and results.

After that, the module to political philosophy is devoted, i.e. theorisings that investigate the value questions of the policy. Here, political analysis of ideas, democracy theory, analysis of central political-philosophical concepts e.g. power and freedom are included and justice.

## Module 2 Policy and board (15 credits)

In the module, normative and empirical theories of concepts are treated as democracy, state, politics and power. In focus, classical political science related problems around the political board's organisation stand. The emphasis lies on comparing analyses of democratic systems, but with recurrent comparisons also with non-democratic politics. A main issue concerns the relation between different normative democracy perspectives and the concrete design of the departments of a country or political system and processes. The module encompasses a broad spectrum of issues and treat such as constitutions and the state authorities role in the political process (e.g. parliaments, Government, administration and electoral system), the roles of parties and other actors as well as more general issues around the political culture importance for the functions of the system.

## Module 3 International policy (7.5 credits)

The module introduces the political science related theorising around the problem with order, conflict and cooperation at an international level. The discussion is concentrated to three different analytical levels: (1) the system as a whole, (2) international political actors and (3) interaction between two or several actors. On system level is treated such as international safety, international political economics and the relations between North and South. On the level of actors, different processes and properties that contribute to shape individual actors' policy vis-à-vis the other countries are studied. On the level of interaction, the dynamics that is developed in the relations between the actors are studied e.g. regarding international conflicts or various types of co-operation processes.

## Course design

The teaching is given as lectures and teaching sessions and. Participation in course introductions, seminars and group work are compulsory. All teaching assumes that the student participates actively. The student should to the lectures have prepared reviews- and analysis assignments according to instructions.

## Assessment

The examination takes place partly in the form of tasks under the time of the module, partly through written examination at the end of respective module. Three opportunities for examination are offered in conjunction with the course: a first examination and two re-examinations.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The following grades are used: A, B, C, D, E or failed. The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a no pass is Fail.

The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student have shown unacceptable results.

The grade in the whole course is decided through a joining of the grades on the modules that are included in the course. The grades A-E are converted to numerical values that are divided with the number of modules and be rounded off according to mathematical principles.

At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

## Entry requirements

General and courses corresponding to the following Swedish Upper Secondary School Programs: Civics A. English B (advanced) proficiency

### **Further information**

This course replaces STVA11, Political science: Basic course, 30 credits.

## Subcourses in STVA12, Political Science: Level 1

Applies from H12

- 1201 Introduction to Political Science, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1202 Knowledge Test: Introduction to Political Science, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1203 Seminar 1, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1204 Seminar 2, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1205 Politics and Government, 9,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1206 Seminars, 3,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1207 Paper, 3,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1208 International Politics, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1209 Discussion, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1210 Analysis of Article, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1211 Review, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass