



Faculty of Social Sciences

STVC01, Political Science: Swedish Politics, 15 credits

Statsvetenskap: Svensk politik, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2011-11-08 and was last revised on 2025-03-12. The revised syllabus comes into effect 2025-09-01 and is valid from the autumn semester 2025.

General information

This is a course in Political Science that is offered to first cycle exchange students at Lund University. Lectures and seminars are conducted in English, and examination papers are written in English.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of study *Specialisation*

Political Science G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate knowledge of prominent Swedish political institutions, actors and policies
- demonstrate knowledge of research problems, theoretical traditions, and research results in the study of Swedish politics

Competence and skills

- demonstrate the ability to formulate a relevant research problem in the area covered by the course, and have the ability to theorise, generalise and discuss this problem

- demonstrate the ability to follow the development of academic knowledge on Swedish politics, and master techniques for making proper references
- demonstrate the ability to contribute to a common learning environment and to the group dynamic aspects of learning.

Judgement and approach

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Course content

The aim of the course is to give a general understanding of Swedish political life, and to introduce students to political science research on various aspects of Swedish politics. The course covers the main features of vital political institutions, such as the constitution and the electoral system. This is accompanied by a discussion of political actors, such as parties, interest groups, and the relations between the state and society. In addition, the course addresses the orientation of public policy in certain areas, such as the construction of the welfare state, foreign policy and security policy.

Course design

The course commences with a series of lectures and seminars that introduce and analyse the main features of Swedish political life. In addition to attending lectures, students are expected to take an active part in seminar discussions. Examination on this part of the course is in the form of a written class room exam.

During the latter part of the course, the students write papers in which they analyse a specific theme covered on the course. The topic is selected together with the examiner. The course papers should reflect a research process in which the students are expected to collect and process additional empirical and theoretical material. The course papers are examined at a seminar in which the students discuss one another's papers.

In addition to the regular examinations two extra examinations will be organised each term.

Assessment

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The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: U=Fail, E=Sufficient, D=Satisfactory, C=Good, B=Very Good, A=Excellent

The grades awarded are A, B, C, D, E or Fail. The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result 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 must have shown unacceptable results.

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

To be eligible for the course the student must have the equivalent of one term of studies in Political Science.

Further information

The course replaces the course STV091, Swedish Politics.