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Faculty of Social Sciences

## **STVC62, Political Science: International Relations Theory in Time and Space, 7.5 credits**

*Political Science: International Relations Theory in Time and Space, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **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 2020-11-25. The revised syllabus applies from 2021-01-18, spring semester 2021.

### **General Information**

This is a course in Political Science that is offered to first cycle and exchange students at Lund University.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Political Science

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

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

### **Learning outcomes**

Upon completion of the course, students shall have the ability to:

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

demonstrate knowledge of research problems, theoretical traditions, and methods in the study of international relations

#### **Competence and skills**

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

## Judgement and approach

contribute to a common learning environment and to group dynamic aspects of learning.

## Course content

In this course we study and compare various historical international systems. We use the major system level theories of International Relations to study historical international systems from the Asian Steppe to the deep forests of pre-Columbian northeast USA and southeast Canada; from the early Roman Empire to early modern East Asia. Can the early modern European (aka Westphalian) system reasonably be a model for a whole field of knowledge (IR), or is it actually peculiar and a bit weird by comparison? Are there historical lessons to be drawn from history, for the future? Why did the Roman Empire last for a millennium or more, and the Mongol Empire for only three generations, or so? The course is a mix of seminars, lectures and pre-recorded lectures. Students will be expected to present independent work (poster) on an international system of their own choice.

## Course design

Students are assessed on three items: 1) as a presenter, in a group, on one seminar 2) on an individual presentation of a poster on a historical international system, and 3) on an individual final paper of ca 5000 words. In addition, students are also assessed on general seminar participation and contributions to the learning environment.

## Assessment

The final essay accounts for 55% of the grade. The seminar presentation, poster presentation and general participation and contribution to learning environment accounts for 15% each.

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.

*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 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 equivalence of 60 ECTS credits from studies in Political Science.

Subcourses in STVC62, Political Science: International Relations Theory in  
Time and Space

Applies from V12

1101 Course Paper, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A