



Faculty of Social Sciences

STVC79, Political Science: Political Theory, 7.5 credits

Statsvetenskap: Politisk teori, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2020-03-26 and was valid from 2020-08-31, autumn semester 2020.

General Information

The course constitutes an elective alternative course during third semester's studies in political science.

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

On completion of the course the student shall demonstrate

Knowledge and understanding

advanced knowledge of contemporary forms of political theory

Competence and skills

the ability to critically reflect on key dividing lines in political theory

the ability to apply current theories on political texts, debates and issues and

the ability to argue from the perspective of contemporary political theory and develop an independent analysis of political processes and societal structures

Judgement and approach

the ability to take responsibility for their own learning process by participating actively in group assignments, seminars and individual assignments.

Course content

The course covers different theoretical perspectives on societal development and societal structures with special focus on contemporary forms of political theory. Concepts such as policy, power, governance, state, knowledge, market, democracy and citizenship are discussed based on different theoretical starting points.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars. Participation in seminars is compulsory. Student who at no fault of their own are able to participate in compulsory components, e.g. accidents, sudden illness or similar, will be offered a make-up assignment or an alternative time for assessment. This also applies to students who have missed teaching because of duties as an elected student representative.

Assessment

The course is assessed through active participation in seminars, compulsory assignments and a final written exam. The course offers regular exams, a re-take exam in close connection to the regular exam and another re-take exam. Within a year of a major change or discontinuation of the course, at least two further re-examination are offered for the same course content. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus.

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 grading scale includes the grades Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grades are awarded are A, B, C, D, E or U. The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is U. The student's result are assessed based on the learning outcomes. For the grade E the student must show a sufficient result. For the grade D the student must show a satisfactory result. For the grade C the student must show a good result. For the grade B the student must show a very good result. For the grade A the student must show an excellent result. For the grade Fail the student must have shown an insufficient result.

Written assignments and the final written exam account for 75 per cent and seminar activities for 25 per cent of the grade on the course.

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

Admission to the course requires completed studies in political science comprising 1-60 credits.

Subcourses in STVC79, Political Science: Political Theory

Applies from H20

2001 Course paper, 7,5 hp
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