

## Course Syllabus

### Comparative Political Culture 7.5 Credits\*, Second Cycle

#### Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, students shall be able to:

- demonstrate in depth theoretical knowledge about central themes in the research on political culture
- assess with a critical approach, both, independently and in their own words, theoretical and empirical discussions and claims in the research on political culture
- demonstrate in depth knowledge about transformations and differences in political culture in new and established democracies
- discuss the consequences of political culture and shifts in attitudes from the perspective of democracy.

#### Course Content

The course provides an introduction to concepts and theories related to political culture. This includes the meaning of political culture and its consequences from a comparative perspective. Our understanding of norms, values and attitudes in new and established democracies is problematised from different thematic approaches. The course also takes up the relationship between political culture and the support for democracy and its functioning. The student is also taught how to critically and independently formulate scientific problems, how to use different types of databases, and how to analyse data with suitable scientific methods.

#### Assessment

Written assignments and active participation in seminars

#### Forms of Study

Lectures and obligatory seminars

#### Grades

The Swedish grades A–F.

Reporting of grades:

- Written assignments and seminars, 7,5 credits

**Prerequisites**

A minimum of 180 credits on first cycle, including 90 credits in Political Science, Sociology, International Relations, Human Rights or Peace and Conflict Studies, including a minimum of 7,5 credits research method with a focus on Social Science and English 6

**Other Information**

The course is part of the master's programme Democracy, Citizenship and Change.

**Subject:**

Political Science

**Group of Subjects:**

Political Science

**Disciplinary Domain:**

Social Science, 100%

**This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:**

1. Political Science

**Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:**

1. A1N

**Approved:**

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