

## Course Syllabus

### **Politics in Sweden and in the European Union 7.5 Credits\*, First Cycle Level 1**

#### **Learning Outcomes**

On completion of the course, the student shall be able to:

- understand the bases of the Swedish political system and the main political developments of the past 200 years
- demonstrate knowledge of the historical evolution of the European Union (EU) with a perspective that is based on basic theories on integration
- demonstrate knowledge of the primary institutions of the EU, their inter relationships and how their decision making processes work
- show insight into the problems related to the separation of powers between EU institutions and member states.

#### **Course Content**

The course elucidates the historical evolution of the EU with a focus on integration processes through the lens of different theoretical perspectives of European integration. Moreover, the formal decision making processes as well as the division of power between the institutions of the EU, and between the EU institutions and the member states are discussed and problematized in relation to different policy issues. The course also provides a basic presentation of the Swedish political system in its different levels of government. The interconnectedness between the EU and the member states especially Sweden is discussed with a focus on the consequences from a democracy related and citizen-related perspective.

#### **Assessment**

Written take home examination, written and oral presentations, and active participation during seminars.

#### **Forms of Study**

Lectures and mandatory seminars.

#### **Grades**

The Swedish grades U–VG.

Number of credits:

- Written Examination, Written and Oral Presentations, 7.5 credits

**Prerequisites**

General entrance requirements.

**Other Information**

The course is included in the course package Swedish Politics and Society I.

**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. G1N

**Approved:**

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