

Course Syllabus

Comparative Political Systems 7.5 Credits*, First Cycle Level 1

Learning Outcomes

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

- demonstrate basic knowledge of political systems in different countries,
- demonstrate understanding of different institutional features such as federal and unitary states, parliamentarism and presidentialism, proportional and majority election systems, democratic and non-democratic systems,
- demonstrate basic knowledge of comparative method and how systematic comparisons between countries can be conducted.

Course Content

The course deals with different ways of structuring political systems, how states function, as well as how states compare with each other. A review of the major concepts, theories and models of interpretation of the different political systems will be carried out. Key concepts are political institutions, democratic and non-democratic regimes, democratisation processes, and political culture. An important element of the course is a study of the Swedish political system when viewed beside the political systems of other countries.

Assessment

Written take-home examination, written and oral presentations and active participation of the student 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 entry requirements

Other Information

The number of examinations is limited to five. The course is part of the Social Science Program and the course package Political Science I. The course replaces SK1053.

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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