

**SYLLABUS**

# **Political Science A, Political Theory 7.5 credits S0005N**

**Statsvetenskap A, Politisk teori**

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### First cycle, S0005N

Education level	Grade scale	Subject	Subject group (SCB)
First cycle	U G VG *	Statsvetenskap	Political Science

### Main field of study

Political Science

## Entry requirements

In order to meet the general entry requirements for first cycle studies you must have successfully completed upper secondary education and documented skills in English language

## Selection

The selection is based on final school grades or Swedish Scholastic Aptitude Test.

## Course Aim

After completing the course, the student must show the ability to:

- describe the central features of the western political history of ideas.
- explain and analyze key concepts in political theory such as justice, equality, gender equality, resource allocation, power, individual and state relations.
- compare normative positions on different political issues.
- derive and analyze modern political ideologies with the support of political history of ideas and philosophy.
- explain and analyze contemporary social phenomena, such as sustainable development, based on political ideologies.
- participate actively and constructively in seminar discussions.
- write and orally present written work based on given instructions and within given time frames.
- independently search for relevant knowledge in both printed and Internet-based sources and independently relate to, critically review and evaluate this knowledge.

## Contents

The course deals with the origin and development of political philosophy and political ideologies, central concepts in the history of political ideas and philosophy and certain theoretical concepts in science.

The course covers the following areas:

- History of political ideas, from Plato to the present day.
- Basic political concepts and phenomena, such as democracy, power and justice.
- Political ideologies.

Throughout the course, a number of generic skills are also dealt with, which are put into practical application during the course. Particular emphasis is placed on the ability to independently seek, evaluate and critically examine knowledge, which is furthermore exercised through library-led courses, as well as on the ability to present and communicate this knowledge both in writing and orally.

## Realization

Each course occasion's language and form is stated and appear on the course page on Luleå University of Technology's website.

The teaching consists of lectures and compulsory assignments in the form of seminars/written assignments. The lectures provide an overview of the history of political ideas, political concepts and various political-theoretical issues. The seminars/written assignments constitute both learning opportunities and examination opportunities. The assignments aim to train and examine the students' ability to: explain and analyze contemporary social phenomena based on political ideologies; participate actively and constructively in seminar discussions; write and orally present written work based on given instructions and within given time frames; independently search for relevant knowledge in both printed and Internet-based sources and independently relate to, critically review and evaluate this knowledge.

## Examination

If there is a decision on special educational support, in accordance with the Guideline Student's rights and obligations at Luleå University of Technology, an adapted or alternative form of examination can be provided. Opportunity for re-examination of mandatory seminars/written course tasks is provided at the end of the course or the next time the course is given.

The course is examined through compulsory assignments corresponding to 3 credits during the course and through a written exam corresponding to 4.5 credits at the end of the course. The compulsory assignments examine the goals that the student, after completing the course, should be able to:

- explain and analyze contemporary social phenomena, such as sustainable development, based on political ideologies.
- participate actively and constructively in seminar discussions.
- write and orally present written work based on given instructions and within given time frames.
- independently search for relevant knowledge in both printed and Internet-based sources and independently relate to, critically review and evaluate this knowledge.

The written exam examines the goals that the student after completing the course should have the ability to:

- describe the central features of the Western political history of ideas.
- explain and analyze key concepts in political philosophy such as justice, equality, gender equality, resource allocation, power, individual and state relations.
- compare different normative positions on different political issues.
- derive and analyze modern political ideologies with the support of political history of ideas and philosophy.

For compulsory assignment, the grade Fail (U) or Pass (G) is given. For the written exam, the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) and Pass with Distinction (VG) are given.

## Unauthorized aids during exams and assessments

If a student, by using unauthorized aids, tries to mislead during an exam or when a study performance is to be assessed, disciplinary measures may be taken. The term "unauthorized aids" refers to aids that the teacher has not previously specified as permissible aids and that may assist in solving the examination task. This means that all aids not specified as permissible are prohibited. The Swedish version has interpretative precedence in the event of a conflict.

## Remarks

Students must register for the courses themselves or contact ETKS educational administration, [eduetks@ltu.se](mailto:eduetks@ltu.se) not later than three days after the quarter commences. Failure to do so can result in the place being lost. This rule also applies to students with a guaranteed place.

## Overlap

The course S0005N is equal to IES340

## Course offered by

Department of Social Sciences, Technology and Arts

## Modules

Code	Description	Grade scale	Cr	Status	From period	Title
0001	Written exam	U G VG *	4.5	Mandatory	A07	
0002	Compulsory assignment	U G#	3	Mandatory	A07	

## Study guidance

Study guidance for the course is to be found in our learning platform Canvas before the course starts. Students applying for single subject courses get more information in the Welcome letter. You will find the learning platform via My LTU.

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