

SYLLABUS

Political Science A, Swedish Politics and Public Adm 7.5 credits S0006N

Statsvetenskap A, Svensk politik och förvaltning

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First cycle, S0006N

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

The course introduces political science perspectives on the development and function of the democratic, political and administrative system in Sweden; its historical development, organization and central institutions and contemporary trends. The students gain a good understanding of the Swedish political system's characteristics, how it operates and how on-going trends present both challenges and opportunities for the realization of democracy.

After the course the student should be able to:

- Describe the key features of the Swedish political history and discuss how important events, such as voting rights for women and men, have influenced the development of the democratic institutions
- Describe the key features of the Swedish party system and discuss the role of political parties and civil organizations in the democratic system, including the question about representation.
- Describe how the Swedish political system is organized at national, regional and municipal levels, including the Sami Parliament, and analyze how the central institutions operate and function in the democratic system
- Describe the key features of the public administration and understand its function in the Swedish democratic system
- Describe the key features of the EU institutions and discuss how the EU and Sweden are linked political and administrative systems
- Describe and analyze how current trends within and outside of Sweden, affect the Swedish system in terms of democracy, effectiveness and legitimacy
- Communicate the above skills in oral discussions and in text

Contents

The following areas are covered:

- The historical development of the Swedish political system
- The structure and function of the Swedish political system, from the national to the local level
- The tasks and roles of political parties and interest groups in the Swedish political system
- EU institutions and the relation between Sweden and the EU
- Trends that affect the Swedish political system's structure and function
- Specific generic skills are trained: to analyze and communicate scientific questions from different perspectives, including representation and gender, and to communicate the above skills in oral discussions and in text

Realization

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

The course on campus consists of lectures and seminars with compulsory assignments. The lectures primarily aim to introduce the themes of the course (see above) and to provide empirical illustrations. The seminars deepen the students' knowledge and practice their ability to formulate, discuss and analyze scientific questions. During the course, activities, such as study visits and guest lectures, are arranged in order to strengthen the link between the theoretical studies and the objects of study.

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.

The course is examined by mandatory seminars equivalent to 3 credits and through a written examination equivalent to 4.5 credits.

The written exam examines the following objectives:

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- Describe how the Swedish political system is organized at national, regional and municipal levels, including the Sami Parliament, and analyze how the central institutions operate and function in the democratic system
- Describe the key features of the public administration and understand its function in the Swedish democratic system
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- Communicate the above skills in text

In addition to the specific objectives above, the seminars examine the following:

- Describe and analyze how current trends, within and outside of Sweden, affect the Swedish system in terms of democracy, effectiveness and legitimacy
- Communicate the above skills in oral discussions

The seminars are graded Fail (U) and Pass (G). The written exam is graded Fail (U), Pass (G) and Pass with distinction (VG). Complementary assignments are given to students who do not meet the grade G at the seminars.

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 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 S0006N is equal to IES341

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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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