

SYLLABUS

Political Science A, International Politics 7.5 credits S0008N

Statsvetenskap A, Internationell politik

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First cycle, S0008N

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:

- on the basis of various theoretical school formations, describe the international political system and its development in modern times
- on the basis of various theoretical schools, analyze the causes of conflicts and wars, but also international peace and cooperation efforts
- describe and explain processes that take place within the international political system such as wars and conflicts, international cooperation and globalization
- describe developments in various policy areas within the international political system.
- describe and compare overall developments in the international political system
- participate actively and constructively in seminar discussions
- write and present written work based on given instructions and within given time frames.
- seek relevant knowledge in both printed and Internet-based sources and independently relate to, critically review and evaluate this knowledge

Contents

The first part of the course analyses the different actors who coexist on the international level and deals with issues, such as what goals the most important actors, i. e. different states, have and which methods they use to achieve them. Following that, the course presents key theories in the study of international relations. The course ends with an analysis of past and present occurrences on the international arena.

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, as well as on the ability to present and communicate this 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 seminar / assignments. The lectures provide an overview of theories in international politics, explanations of recurring concepts and reviews of various phenomena in the international political system. The seminars/assignments constitute both learning opportunities and examination opportunities. The assignments aim to train students to describe and explain basic concepts, theories and phenomena that are relevant to studies of international politics.

The course realization may be in English.

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 through compulsory seminar / assignment 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 a varying set of objectives depending on the design of the assignments, but above all:

- participate actively and constructively in seminar discussions
- write and present written work based on given instructions and within given time frames
- seek relevant knowledge in both printed and Internet-based sources and independently relate to, critically review and evaluate this knowledge

The written examination, however, examines all the objectives that the student, after completing the course, should be able to:

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- describe and compare overall developments in the international political system

For compulsory assignments, 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. Additional information is given to students who for various reasons have not actively participated in seminar and group exercises.

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 S0008N is equal to IES343

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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