



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

1SK162 Demokratisering i världen, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Democratization in the World, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

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Date of Ratification

Approved 2015-01-21

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2017

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- discuss and define democratisation as a concept and phenomenon,
- present different explanatory perspectives on democratisation, and
- identify democracy models and democratisation in our modern world.

Content

The main purpose of the course is to introduce the concepts, theoretical perspectives and empirical results of research into democratisation. The course begins with a discussion about the basic concepts, definitions and theories that influence research into democratisation. This discussion covers democracy in the form of political rights and civic freedoms, democratisation as a phenomenon, processes and phases, and identified positive and negative factors for democratisation. The second part of the course examines historical and contemporary trends concerning democratisation in the world.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that qualifies as

a Pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as Fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

Students who have not passed (i.e. received the grade of F) at the regular examination will be offered a new examination shortly after the scheduled examination date.

In order to receive a grade of Pass (E) in the course, the intended learning outcomes must be attained.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation, orally or in writing, is carried out at the end of the course, and the results are later presented to the students.

Other

Information about the grading criteria of the A-F scale is given in a separate document, provided at the start of the course, at the latest.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Haerpfer, Christian, et. al (2018). *Democratization* (2nd Edition). Oxford: Oxford University Press. 476 pages.

Huntington, Samuel P. (1991, 1993). *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press. 340 pages.

Articles (to be downloaded via the University library). 200 pages.