



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

1SK114 Demokratiseringsstudier, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Democratization studies, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2015-12-09
The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2020

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and a minimum of 30 credits in Political Science.

Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- Define the key concepts within democratisation
- Account for various explanatory theoretical perspectives on democratisation
- Account for democratisation trends throughout the world
- Apply explanatory theoretical perspectives on democratisation processes throughout the world.

Content

The course introduces the concepts, theoretical perspectives and trends within research into democratisation. The course starts with a discussion on the fundamental concepts such as democracy, dictatorship, political rights, democratisation as a phenomenon, and various processes and stages. The second part of the course discusses various positive and negative theoretical factors with regard to democratisation. The final part addresses historical and contemporary trends in terms of democratisation throughout 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.

Grade A represents the highest grade, and the subsequent grades follow in descending order, where grade E is the lowest grade that qualifies as a Pass. A grade of F means

that the student's performance is assessed as Fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is permitted to supplement his/her examination.

Examination takes place by means of two seminars including two written assignments (40% of the course examination), and a take-home examination (60% of the course examination). To be awarded a grade of Pass (E), all the course objectives must be attained. The final grade in the entire course is determined by adding together the marks for the examination assignments by the use of a marking scale on 1-100, where E equals 50-59 marks, D 60-69 marks, C 70-79 marks, B 80-89 marks and A equals a minimum of 90 marks.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis are presented to the students who have completed the course, as well as to the students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Other

The grading criteria for the A–F scale are communicated to the students in a separate document by the start of the course at the latest.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Haerpfer, Christian W. et al. Patrick (2018, Second edition) *Democratization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780198732280, 512 pages.

Huntington, Samuel P. (1991/93): *The Third Wave – Democratization in the late 20th Century*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press. ISBN-13: 978-0806125169, 320 pages.

Articles and additional material: provided by the library, 400 pages