



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Political Science

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 24 February 2011, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2011 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: SVAD06

International Politics, 7.5 ECTS Credits

(Internationell Politik, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

General requirements for admission to Master's level plus political science 1-90 ECTS or including a degree project and upper secondary Swedish B/Swedish 2 B and English A or equivalent.

Major Field of Study

SKA (Political Science)

Learning Outcomes

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

- explain international politics, international political science concepts and theory tradition in international politics,
- apply specialised, current and conceptual knowledge and understanding to international politics,
- apply a specialised academic approach in order to identify, categorise, problematise, critically review and analyse international politics, international political actors, events, processes, institutions and ideas.

Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures.

The course covers the theories and methods of international relations and international politics. The national state system and its historical change. International actors. Case studies of international conflicts. Security politics. Regional and global integration efforts.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual take-home exam.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Distinction (VG) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The course cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course SVAD04

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

The course is mandatory for students on the Master's programme SAMAS with a focus on political science and can be taken at full-time or part-time pace.

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