



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Political Science

Syllabus

Political Participation

Course Code:	SVGA13
Course Title:	Political Participation <i>Politiskt deltagande</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
SKA (Political Science)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-04-08, and is valid from the Spring semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

- give an account of and discuss different models of democracy,
- give an account of and discuss political participation in a broad sense, with a focus on social movements and individual resistance,
- give an account of and discuss consequences of marketisation for political participation,

Competence and skills

- identify and characterise different types of political participation on the basis of scholarly sources,
- develop an independent line reasoning with support from scholarly sources,

Judgement and approach

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

- analyse and reflect upon the relationship between different types of political participation and the institutional arena, and
- compare different perspectives on the study of political participation in terms of both methodological and normative perspectives.

Content

The course takes a broad conception of politics as its point of departure and include studies of other forms and aspects of politics than the purely institutional. The political forms are treated both from factual and normative perspectives, as well as the appearance of these forms and the values that can be ascribed to them. Political aspects are used in order to perceive and understand politics from various perspectives, such as participation, deliberation, gender, governance, and power. The methodological components include basic training in political analysis, such as political behavior and discursive approaches.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual written take-home exam, an individual written assignment, and a written group assignment presented and discussed in a seminar.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) 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 evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

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

Please contact the course coordinator to find out what overlapping courses cannot be included in the same degree as SVGA13.