



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Political Science

Syllabus

International Politics

Course Code:	SVGA14
Course Title:	International Politics <i>Internationell politik</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 central concepts and theories used in studies of international politics,
- give an account of central themes, developments, and trends in studies of international politics,

Competence and skills

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

- apply concepts and theories on concrete problems in international politics, and

Judgement and approach

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

- contrast and evaluate the explanatory potential of theories used in the study of international politics.

Content

The course gives an introduction to central concepts and theories used in the study of international politics.

The course covers themes such as the growth and development of the modern international system, conflict and cooperation from a theoretical perspective, the status of international law in an international system without a central authority, the structure and role of international organisations, international political economy and globalisation from the perspective of development, regionalism and the EU, and trends related to power in contemporary international politics.

The methodological components include basic training in using relevant theories and concepts to analyse issues of relevance for international politics and Swedish foreign and security policy.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual written take-home exam and two written groups assignments 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, 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 SVGA14.