COURSE PLAN

Approved 01 September 2026
SVGE20/VT2027

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Swedish Welfare State Model

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***Course code*: SVGE20**

Credits: 7.5
Education level: First cycle
Progressive specialisation: First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G2F)
Main field of study: SKA (Political Science)

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Effective from

Spring semester 2027

Entry requirements

At least 60 credits of first-cycle studies.

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Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

1. describe and explain the development of the Swedish welfare state model and how it operates in delivering welfare services to citizens, and
2. describe and explain the origins, development and components of Swedish welfare policy.

Content

The course provides an introduction to the traditional Swedish welfare state model. Students develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of its components, including healthcare, elderly care, social care, the labour market, the welfare economy and the education system. The Swedish model is compared and contrasted with other welfare state systems.

The course may also include study visits.

Reading list

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual written assignments and group presentations.

If a student has been granted study support by Karlstad University due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to offer an adapted examination or allow the student to complete the examination through alternative means.

Grades

One of the grades Pass with 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's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.