



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Political Science

Syllabus

Swedish and Comparative Politics

Course Code:	SVGE50
Course Title:	Swedish and Comparative Politics <i>Swedish and Comparative Politics</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G2F)

Major Field of Study:
SKA (Political Science)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2023-12-12, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2024 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

60 ECTS credits completed at the Bachelor level

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of how the Swedish government operates,
2. give an account of key concepts and models used in comparative politics, and
3. apply political science concepts to events, processes, and institutions in different political systems.

Content

This course is primarily aimed at international students.

The course introduces key concepts and models used in comparative politics. Political systems are based on different actors and which have different rules. Students explore the influence of these actors and rules through analysing political systems in terms of democracy and power.

The course also introduces the Swedish form of government.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcomes 1-3 are assessed based on individual written hand-in assignments and an individual oral presentation of an assignment.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to Targeted Study 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.