



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 17 September 2012, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2013 at Karlstad University. It replaces the former syllabus SVGAE6.

Course Code: SVGE60

International Politics, 7.5 ECTS Credits

(International Politics, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

Progressive Specialisation: G1N (First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

English

Prerequisites

In order to be admitted the student must have completed at least one year of undergraduate studies.

Major Field of Study

SKA (Political Science)

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to demonstrate the following:

Specific Knowledge Skills:

Describe and explain the origin, development and operation of the international political system;

Describe and explain the international system, and some international organisations;

Describe, explain and analyse international relations theories;

Describe and explain the origin and development of globalisation; and

Describe and explain the origin, development and operation of different possible causes for conflict and conflict resolution within the international political arena.

The below transferable skills are related to and integrated in the specific knowledge skills.

Information-gathering, Communication and Research Skills:

Skills required to identify and access a range of relevant information and resources;

Skills in preparing interesting, creative and informative presentations which can target diverse audiences;

Ability to develop effective reports and presentations; and

Bibliographic skills.

Thinking, Planning and Organisational Skills:

The ability to learn, understand and interpret information, and apply knowledge to new situations;
The ability to set priorities, meet deadlines and effectively manage time, data and resources
Problem-solving skills and the ability to make well-reasoned decisions, think creatively and search for, identify and consider different sides of an issue; and
The ability to gather, organise and deploy evidence and information.

Content and Form of Instruction

This course provides the student with knowledge and perspectives on international relations, international politics and globalisation. It explores participation of international organisations in world politics. Current affairs and events provide examples of political decision-making. International conflicts and possible sources of conflict are explored and analysed throughout the course.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Forms of examination used in this course are: written exams, minor essays, active participation in seminars, presentations and study visits.

Grades

The course is graded using a three grade scale: Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction.

Guidelines for grading (i.e criteria requirements) are available in course document and in the latest version of the student manual.

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