COURSE PLAN

Approved 01 September 2026
SVGE60/VT2027

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
POLITICAL SCIENCE

International Politics

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***Course code*: SVGE60**

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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Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences, 01 September 2026

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 different forms of international political cooperation, including their origins, development and function,
2. describe and explain the international political system and the role of international organisations,
3. describe, explain and analyse theories of international relations and global politics,
4. describe and explain the origins and development of globalisation, and
5. describe and explain the causes of conflict and approaches to conflict resolution in international politics.

Content

In this course, students explore international relations, international and global politics, processes of globalisation, and the role of international organisations in world politics through the study of current affairs and contemporary events. The course also develops students' understanding of international conflicts, their causes and possible solutions.

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.