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The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

## Programme Syllabus

Reg.no. 2021/917

Political Science

<b>Programme Code:</b>	SGPOL
<b>Programme Title:</b>	Political Science Politices kandidat
<b>ECTS Credits:</b>	180
<b>Programme Approval:</b>	The programme syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Science on 9 December 2021 and applies as of the autumn semester of 2022.
<b>Language of Instruction:</b>	Swedish
<b>Degree level:</b>	Bachelor
<b>Degree Type:</b>	General
<b>Entry requirements</b>	General eligibility plus either: - field-specific eligibility A5 (Mathematics 2a or 2b or 2c, Civics 1b or 1a1 + 1a2) or - field-specific eligibility 5 (upper secondary school level Mathematics B and Civics A)  Students specialising in Economics (including Statistics) have to fulfil the entry requirements (Mathematics 3b or 3c or Mathematics C) before the start of Semester 3.  Optional programme courses may have different entry requirements.

### Introduction

The Political Science programme is part of the larger field of social science. For a Bachelor's degree to be awarded, students should take courses in political science, economics as well as law.

The programme aims to promote increased knowledge of gender equality and sustainable development by providing both introductions and specialisations based on empirical perspectives related to gender, climate change, environmental issues and development.

### **Programme Outcomes**

For programme completion, students must meet the national requirements for a Degree of Bachelor.

#### National outcomes

##### Knowledge and understanding

For a Degree of Bachelor the student shall:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including knowledge of the disciplinary foundation of the field, knowledge of applicable methodologies in the field, specialised study in some aspect of the field as well as awareness of current research issues.

#### Competence and skills

For a Degree of Bachelor the student shall:

- demonstrate the ability to search for, gather, evaluate and critically interpret the relevant information for a formulated problem and also discuss phenomena, issues and situations critically,
- demonstrate the ability to identify, formulate and solve problems autonomously and to complete tasks within predetermined time frames,
- demonstrate the ability to present and discuss information, problems and solutions in speech and writing and in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required to work autonomously in the main field of study.

#### Judgement and approach

For a Degree of Bachelor the student shall:

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical aspects,
- demonstrate insight into the role of knowledge in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the need for further knowledge and undertake ongoing development of his or her skills.

To earn a Bachelor's degree, students must also undertake and present a 15-credit degree project in the chosen main field of study.

### **Programme Structure**

The programme comprises three required subjects: Political Science (30 credits), Economics (30 credits) and Law (15 credits). Students select either Political Science or Economics as main field of study for their degrees. A main field of study has to comprise three semesters' worth of courses (90 credits).

The semester of optional courses may be used for further specialisation based on students' own interests and goals. Optional courses may be selected from the courses offered by the university or by other universities or higher education institutions in Sweden or abroad. This semester may also be used to do an internship in Sweden or abroad that may yield either 15 or 30 credits, depending on its duration.

Optional courses must not overlap to any significant extent with other courses on the Political Science programme.

Within the programme, varied forms of instructions are used in order to promote student-centred learning.

### **Programme Curriculum**

In the programme, progression within the main field of study is made clear through courses at different levels :

- Basic courses, 1–30 credits
- Intermediate courses, 31–60 credits
- Advanced courses, 61–90 credits

Courses are taken in the following order (please note that course titles are subject to change):

- Semester 1    Political Science I, 30 credits
- Semester 2    Economics for Political Science Majors, 30 credits
- Semester 3    Civil Law I and II, 30 credits  
or  
Civil Law I, 15 credits and Statistics, 15 credits \*
- Semester 4    Political Science specialisation  
Political Science II, 30 credits
- Economics specialisation  
Economics - Continuation Course, 30 credits
- Semester 5    Optional courses, 30 credits
- Semester 6    Political Science specialisation  
Political Science III, 30 credits
- Economics specialisation  
Economic Growth/Macroeconomics, 7.5 credits  
Economics - Bachelor's thesis, 15 credits  
as well as one of the following courses: Portfolio Analysis, 7.5 credits, Labour Economics, 7.5 credits, Public Economics and Politics, 7.5 credits, Industrial Organisation and Business Strategies, 7.5 credits or Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, 7.5 credits.

\* Statistics (15 credits) is a required course for the Economics specialisation

### **Title of Qualification**

Degree of Bachelor of Political Sciences  
Major: Political Science  
Politices kandidatexamen  
Huvudområde: Statsvetenskap

Degree of Bachelor of Political Sciences  
Major: Economics  
Politices kandidatexamen  
Huvudområde: Nationalekonomi

### **Transfer of credits**

According to the Higher Education Ordinance Ch. 6 Sec. 6–8 students have the right to transfer credits and have prior learning recognised upon approval.

### **Additional Information**

The local regulations for first and second cycle education at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

Previous versions of the programme syllabus have been approved:

24 January 2007, dnr FAK3 2007/14, effective from the autumn of 2007  
 9 September 2008, effective from the autumn semester of 2008  
 1 October 2009, dnr FAK3 2007/14, effective from the autumn semester of 2010  
 25 September 2013, dnr HS 2013/394, effective from the autumn semester of 2014  
 8 December 2016, dnr HS 2016/702, effective from the autumn semester of 2017

OVERVIEW – POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAMME, 180 ECTS credits

Main field of study: Economics/Political Science, 90 credits

Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>All programme students</b>	
Political Science I, 30 credits	Economics for Political Science Majors, 30
Semester 3	Semester 4
<b>All programme students take 15 ECTS cr. together, with an elective</b>	<b>Courses in selected specialisation</b>
Civil Law I and II, 30 credits	Economics specialisation: Economics - Continuation Course, 30 credits
Civil Law I, 15 credits and Statistics, 15 credits	Political Science specialisation: Political Science II, 30 credits
Semester 5	Semester 6
<b>Semester of optional courses</b>	Courses in selected specialisation (including Bachelor's essay of 15 credits)
Optional courses of 30 credits	Economics specialisation: Economic Growth/Macroeconomics, 7.5 credits, Economics - Bachelor's thesis, 15 credits, plus an elective course of 7.5 credits
	Political Science specialisation: Political Science III, 30 credits