

Democracy, legitimacy and political institutions, 7,5 HE credits

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Applies from: V17

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding:

- Differences in the formation of various political systems and their institutions
- The fundamentals of the comparative method and its use within political science
- How different theoretical approaches within political science account for both the development of political systems and political reform.
- Key concepts in theories of democracy and within research about political systems and the quality of political institutions

Skills and application:

- Key theories, approaches and terms central to comparative politics in order to analyze different political systems, with emphasis being placed on theories of democracy and the quality of political institutions.
- The ability to discuss various theoretical approaches to political systems and how politics unfolds within those systems.

Ethical appreciation:

- of a comparative approach to the study of politics
- The ability to evaluate and present arguments as to the relative strengths and weaknesses of various political systems, in relation to different views on what constitutes good government.

Entry requirements

General entry requirements

You also need: Civics 1b alternatively 1a1+1a2.

or

English B, Civics A.

(Field-specific entry requirements 4 / A4)

The forms of assessment of student performance

The course is examined by seminar performances, a final in-class exam and a final take-away exam.

Other regulations

Course grading: F/Fx/E/D/C/B/A - Insufficient, Insufficient- more work required before the credit can be awarded, Sufficient, Satisfactory, Good, Very Good, Excellent

Course language: The teaching is conducted in English.

General rules pertaining to examination at University West are available at www.hv.se.

If the student has a decision/recommendation on special support due to disability, the examiner has the right to examine the student in a customized examination form.

Cycle

First cycle

Progressive specialization

G1N - first cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Main field of study

Political Science