

International politics and globalization, 7,5 HE credits

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Applies from: V24

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- describe the historical emergence and the main characteristics of the international political system
- explain the most important theories of the international system in international relations, e.g. realism, liberalism and constructivism
- identify central concepts in the research on international politics

Skills and abilities

- analyze the workings of the international system by applying theories and concepts within the research field of international politics
- compare the different theories and perspectives on international relations in relation to historical and current political events

Judgement and approach

- discuss the ethical implications of different theories of and perspectives on the international political system
- formulate arguments for and make interpretations of international politics based on theoretically informed criteria.

Entry requirements

General entry requirements

You also need: Mathematics 2a or Mathematics 2b or Mathematics 2c, Social Studies 1b or Social Studies 1a1 +1a2

The forms of assessment of student performance

The course is examined through compulsory seminars with accompanying written group exercises and logbooks, and a final individual paper.

A student who does not fully meet the learning outcomes of a non-supervised examination

(hemtentamen), but is close to the grade “pass” can, after a decision by the examiner, be allowed to complement (kan skriva supplement eller revise också) an examination assignment in order to reach the criteria for pass. For supervised examination (salstentamen) complementing is not allowed. Complementing of an examination must be individually adapted based on the learning outcomes or objectives that were not achieved by a student. It must take place within two weeks after informing the student of the examination result and before the next examination opportunity.

Course contents

In this course, we explore current issues in international politics through the main theoretical perspectives (realism, liberalism, and different critical theories) that analysts and policymakers use to understand the world around them. The course contains both learning the intellectual foundation of these perspectives and using them to learn about important world issues, both historical and contemporary. Besides giving a base upon which to continue to explore international relations in upper-level courses to follow, the aim is to show the power of these theoretical perspectives in shaping perceptions of, as well as actions in, the global political system.

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.

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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