

Syllabus SAS H17

History: Swedish Politics – Past and Present

Cycle: 1st (Undergraduate)

Higher education credits: 7.5

Syllabus approved by the Syllabus Committee of the Faculty of the Humanities and Theology
23rd October 2007.

The course is offered as a single course. It can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.

The language of instruction is English.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

- be able to give an account of the political system, the constitution and the political parties in Sweden, from both historical and contemporary perspectives
- be able to give an account of the role of Sweden internationally
- be able to give an account of Swedish policy concerning issues of gender, refugees and ethnic pluralism.
- be able to communicate information about Swedish politics.

Course Content

The course provides the students with an introduction to Swedish politics. Topics discussed include the political system in general, the constitution, the government and the various Swedish political parties. Both historical and contemporary perspectives are taken. Emphasis is on the role of Sweden as a small country in a global context, and as a member of the European Union and the United Nations. Swedish attributes such as the “Swedish Model” and the policy of neutrality are analysed from an historical perspective as well as with reference to the present situation. Special attention is given to policies concerning issues of gender, refugees and ethnic pluralism.

Teaching and Assessment

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars. Active participation at seminars is obligatory.

Examination may take the following forms: written examination, oral examination, the writing and presentation of an essay, or a combination of the above in accordance with the instructions given by the teacher.

Grades

Students are awarded one of the following grades: Fail, Pass or Distinction

Foreign students and Swedish students intending to use their qualifications abroad have the right to a supplementary ECTS grading. Students must request such a grading at the latest three weeks from the start of the course. This request is made to the director of studies or the equivalent authority.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the course requires the basic eligibility for study at universities or university colleges in Sweden, or the equivalent. International students are exempted from the general eligibility requirement of proficiency in Swedish.

Literature

For reading lists and other relevant educational materials see appendix

Further Information

The course replaces SAS 120

The points allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Priority is given to exchange students. Students are required to have good knowledge of written and spoken English.