

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**International Political Theory**  
**Internationell politisk teori**

**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	SV7063
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2019
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<b>Department</b>	Department of Political Science
<b>Main field:</b>	Political Science
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

The syllabus has been decided by the Board of the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2013-04-25. Date of latest revision 2019-06-13.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A Bachelor of Arts Degree (180 ECTS credit points or the equivalent), with a major in political science. English B(Swedish upper secondary school course) or the equivalent.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
7001	International political theory	7.5

## Course content

This course offers a broad introduction to normative theory in international relations as well specialization on specific issues within this area of research. The themes covered in the course include distributive justice, international law, human rights, political self-determination, migration, democracy, war and ideal and non-ideal theory. The course offers the students a possibility to critically scrutinize different proposals for a more just, democratic, and legitimate world order.

## Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Knowledge and Understanding
  - Account orally as well as in written form for alternative conceptions of: sources of legitimacy in international politics; subjects of legitimate international politics; and concepts of human-rights, self-determination, migration, justice, and legitimate violence in international relations.
2. Skills and Abilities
  - Identify and analyze normative judgments of international politics as well as their empirical or other preconditions.
  - Apply normative theories to practical normative problems in international politics.
3. Evaluation and Approach

- Evaluate normative judgments of international politics as well as their empirical or other preconditions.
- Relate theoretical themes distinguished in the first course aim to each other, through independently pursued comparison, critique, or synthesis of two or more of the theoretical themes.

### **Education**

The course is organized as a series of compulsory seminars with high degree of student activity. Information on how absences may be compensated will be distributed at the beginning of the course.

The language of instruction is English.

### **Forms of examination**

a. The course is examined by two take-home examinations.

Information about how the course grade is aggregated, based on the different examination parts, are to be found in the grading criteria.

The course is examined in English.

b. Grades will be set according to a seven point scale related to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent

B= Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Inadequate, some more work is required

F = Totally inadequate, a lot more work is required

c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria as of course start.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on all examinations, complete all mandatory assignments and meet the attendance requirement.

e. At least two examination opportunities will be offered for each course. Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the Director of Studies. Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

f. The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade on course modules examined on the basis of a take-home exam may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade. The assignment should be submitted within a week of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited arguments – will receive the grade E. Adequate corrections of simple mistakes related to formatting will be graded using the grades A-E. Supplementary assignments are never allowed for written examinations.

### **Interim**

When the course is no longer offered or when its content has been significantly modified, the student has the right to be examined according to this syllabus once each semester during a period of three semesters.

### **Limitations**

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

### **Required reading**

The literature list will be posted on <http://www.statsvet.su.se/english/education/courses-andprogrammes/second-level>.

The literature list will be available at least two months before the course starts.