

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**The Politics of Equality**  
**Jämlikhetens politik**

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

<b>Course code:</b>	SV7065
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2019
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2013-04-25
<b>Changed:</b>	2019-06-13
<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 approved by the Head of the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2013-04-25. Date of last revision, 2019-06-13.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A Bachelors of Arts degree (of 180 ECTS credits or the equivalent) with a major in political science or the equivalent.

Swedish upper secondary school course English B or equivalent or the following tests and results. Cambridge CPE and CAE: Pass. IELTS : 6.0 (with no part of the test below 5.0). TOEFL (paper based): 550 (with minimum grade 4 on the written test part). TOEFL (computer based): 213. TOEFL (internet based): 79.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
7001	The Politics of Equality	7.5

## Course content

The aim of the course is to offer the students an opportunity to critically scrutinize different conceptions of equality as well as the political implications of these conceptions. The course is structured into three themes that cover one third of the course each: Democracy and equality; distribution and equality; and culture and equality. The main focus is on contemporary contributions to the debate on these themes, and particularly on the concrete policy implications of these contributions.

## Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students should be able to:

### Knowledge and understanding

- Give an account of theories of equality in the three areas covered by the course in a social scientific manner both orally and in writing (knowledge)
- Understand and in own words explain theories of equality in the three areas covered by the course (understanding)

### Skills and abilities

- Apply and make use of basic concepts in theories of equality in the three areas covered by the course (application)

- Compare and contrast theories of equality in the three areas covered by the course as well as to identify their underlying premises (analysis)

Evaluation and approach

- Combine and relate different theories of equality (synthesis)
- Critically evaluate political theoretical arguments regarding the theories of equality (evaluation)

### **Education**

The teaching consists of seminars. The seminars are compulsory. Absence requires submission of compensatory assignments. More information about these assignments are provided by the teacher at the start 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-and-programmes/second-level>.

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