

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Law, Culture and Society in Asia**  
**Lag, kultur och samhälle i Asien**

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

<b>Course code:</b>	SV9002
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2020
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2020-04-28
<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 Department Board of the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2012-04-28.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in social science and English 6

## Course structure

<b>Examination code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Higher Education Credits</b>
9002	Law, Culture and Society in Asia	7.5

## Course content

The course provides an introduction to law and its relationship with society and culture in Asia. The primary aim is to better understand the social and cultural contexts in which law operates. In law, society, and culture studies this is commonly described as the gap between law in the books (doctrinal law of abstract legal principles) and law in action as it plays out among and between places, people, institutions, and histories. Studying the formal doctrinal law alone does not tell the full story about how and under what conditions law is produced, imagined, or made meaningful. The course will critically examine past and present legal traditions in Asia and legal pluralism in the region. It will consider the concept of law, rule of law, and legal consciousness through case studies of Myanmar, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, China, and Singapore. Canvassing the complex religious, ethnic, and state-based legal system, the course will explore the intricate relationship between societal development, culture and norms, practices, and the functions of law and legal institutions.

## Learning outcomes

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

### Knowledge and understanding

Demonstrate both broad knowledge and significant in-depth knowledge of the legal aspects of the interplay between state, culture and society in Asia, as well as in-depth insight into current research and development work concerning the region.

### Skill and ability

Demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyze, assess and

manage complex phenomena, issues and situations relevant to the course theme. In addition, the student is expected to demonstrate the ability to orally and in writing clearly account for and discuss their findings.

#### **Evaluation and approach**

Demonstrate ability to evaluate different law practices and their relationship to society and culture in Asia, and to relate this to relevant scientific and social issues within the course theme.

#### **Education**

The teaching consists of lectures and 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**

The course is examined by an oral examination, minor written assignments and a take-home exam. 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.

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 = Inadequate, much more work is required

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

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.

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.

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/coursesandprogrammes/second-level>.

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