

# Opasraportti

## HUTK - Political Science (2011 - 2012)

### Political Science

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### Admission requirements and commencement of studies

The subject of Political Science is open to anyone registered as an attending student at the University of Oulu. At the University of Oulu, it is possible to complete a total of 50 ECTS credits in Political Science comprising the Basic Studies package (25 ECTS) and the Intermediate Studies 1 package (25 ECTS). Teaching in Political Science is organized by the subject of History. Exam registrations must be submitted through WebOodi no later than 10 days prior to the exam. The person responsible for studies, book exams and teaching is Docent Ilkka Ruostetsaari, except for course 700720P, for which the responsible person is M.Soc.Sc. Erika Säynässalo. Both instructors work at the University of Tampere / School of Management.

### Study guidance

Study guidance and all issues concerning Political Science are taken care of by amanuensis Oili Sievola, tel. +358-8-553 3428, [Oili.Sievola\(at\)oulu.fi](mailto:Oili.Sievola@oulu.fi).

### Political Science

Political Science is one of the basic Social Sciences together with Economics and Sociology. As a discipline, Political Science extends from political theory and political ideas to a wide variety of political civic activities as well as the activities of various political institutions. Emerging from Political Science, several research sectors such as certain administrative sciences and International Politics have today become independent disciplines in their own right.

Political Science is primarily concerned with the manifestations of political diversity and constant political change. These issues are approached from a broad range of defined perspectives, paying attention both to the current forms of political activity and established political institutions and political behaviour in new contexts. With regard to both research and teaching, the key starting point is Political Research, which is a field devoted to studying and developing alternative approaches for analyzing political phenomena as well as to discussing the theoretical and social importance of Political Science. The curriculum adheres to the curriculum of Political Science set forth by the University of Tampere.

### Practical information

Term-specific key information related to examinations and teaching can be found on the notice board designated for Political Science, term-specific curriculums/handouts and related website. Details on possible information events are posted on the notice board designated for the subject.

In addition to book exams, it is possible to write an essay on one or more course books for each course (excluding a compulsory lecture series on "Introduction to Political Research"). *An essay is not a summary of a book. It must be based on the student's own idea of the problem and extensive use of the book as a tool for solving the problem or answering the question.* With regard to a single book, the length of the essay should be about 6 pages, with margins of 3 cm, a line space of 1.5 and a font size of 12. The use of the book, along with possible additional sources, must be carefully documented using source references (additional information *in Finnish* can be found on the notice board and the website <http://www oulu.fi/hutk/valtio/esseenkirjoitusohjeet.html>). Book exams must be taken in their entirety on the examination day of the Faculty.

As regards the Intermediate Studies (Sub-fields of political science I -package), students may select up to five courses from Courses A1-A7.

## Study packages and learning outcomes

### *Basic studies, 25 ECTS credits:*

The aim of the study package is to provide the students with a general understanding of the informational fundamentals of the phenomena and the conventions of thought in political science. Upon completion of the Basic studies package, students can recognize and explain the fundamental concepts of political science and describe the essential research aims of the discipline. In addition, students can evaluate the nature of politics.

### *Intermediate studies (Sub-fields of political science) 25 ECTS credits:*

The Intermediate studies broaden the student's knowledge of the topics of study, theories and research methods of the field of political science. Upon completion of this study package, students can examine and analyse political phenomena conceptually in relation to various theories.

## Courses

### **Basic Studies, 25 ECTS**

- P1 700720P Introduction to Political Science, 5 ECTS
- P2 700721P Sources of Political Research, 5 ECTS
- P3 700722P Political Activity, 5 ECTS
- P4 700723P Political Systems, 5 ECTS
- P5 700724P Political Thought, 5 ECTS

### **Intermediate Studies, 25 ECTS**

Select five of the following units:

- A1 700725A History of Political Theories, 5 ECTS
- A2 700726A Political Communication and Rhetoric, 5 ECTS
- A3 700727A Civil Society and Political Civic Activity, 5 ECTS
- A4 700728A Political Institutions and Processes, 5 ECTS
- A5 700729A Political Output, 5 ECTS
- A6 700730A Political System in Finland, 5 ECTS
- A7 700731A Europe and Globalisation, 5 ECTS

## Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

- 700727A: Civil Society and Political Civic Activity, 5 op
- 700731A: Europe and Globalisation, 5 op
- 700725A: History of Political Theories, 5 op
- 700720P: Introduction to Political Science, 5 op
- 700722P: Political Activity, 5 op
- 700726A: Political Communication and Rhetoric, 5 op
- 700728A: Political Institutions and Processes, 5 op
- 700729A: Political Output, 5 op
- 700730A: Political System in Finland, 5 op
- 700723P: Political Systems, 5 op
- 700724P: Political Thought, 5 op

## Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

### Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

#### 700727A: Civil Society and Political Civic Activity, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 - 31.07.2012

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to name, describe and explain what is understood with civil society and political civic activity.

**Contents:**

The students will become familiar with main concepts, theories and research on civil society and political participation, with particular emphasis on the role of elections.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Basic Studies in Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Evans, Voters and Voting. An Introduction. Sage Publications 2003.

Keane, Civil Society. Stanford University Press 1998.

Paloheimo (ed.), Vaalit ja demokratia Suomessa. WSOY 2005.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Essay or written examination.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No

#### 700731A: Europe and Globalisation, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 - 31.07.2012

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to name, describe and explain what is understood with globalization from the European perspective. The objective of the course is also to enable the students to understand political processes at global and European levels, with particular focus on the EU's political system.

**Contents:**

The course examines the interaction between national politics and European and global integration, with the aim of understanding the role of individual countries and of the European Union in modern governance.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Basic Studies in Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Hix, The Political System of the European Union, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Palgrave 2005.

Raunio & Saari (eds.), Eurooppalaistuminen. Suomen sopeutuminen Euroopan integraatioon. Edita 2006.

Tiihonen & Tiihonen, Kohti globaalivastuuta. Maailmanhallinta - politiikkaa, taloutta ja demokratiaa. VATT 2004.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Essay or written examination

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 700725A: History of Political Theories, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 - 31.07.2012

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to name, describe and explain the major phases of the history of political theories.

**Contents:**

Students become familiar with the research on political theory and with the classic texts in the field.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Basic Studies in Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Hyrkkänen, Aatehistorian mieli. Vastapaino 2002.

and 2 books from the following:

Sihvola, Hyvän elämän politiikka. Tutkijaliitto 1994.

Skinner, Machiavelli. Oxford University Press 1981.

Tuck: Hobbes. Oxford University Press 1989.

Lloyd, Locke on Government. Routledge 1995

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Essay or written examination.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 700720P: Introduction to Political Science, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 - 31.07.2012

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to name, describe and explain the major phases of political science.

**Contents:**

The course examines the main concepts, theories, and methods used in political science.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching (lectures), independent study (literature)

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Compulsory lectures (20 h), written assignment and independent study of literature

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No required pre-requisites

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Heywood, Politics, 2nd edition. Palgrave 2002

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Erika Säynässalo

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 700722P: Political Activity, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 - 31.07.2012

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to name, describe and explain what is understood with political activity.

**Contents:**

Students will become familiar with the various forms and types of political activity.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Course 700720P Introduction to Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Meikle, Future Active. Routledge 2002.

Micheletti, Political Virtue and Shopping. Palgrave 2003.

Lappalainen, Poliittisen tyylin taito. Vastapaino 2002

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination or essay

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 700726A: Political Communication and Rhetoric, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Ruostetsaari Ilkka

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700726A Political Communication and Rhetoric (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to name, describe and explain what is understood with political communication and rhetoric.

**Contents:**

Students learn about research on political communication and rhetoric and the relationship between media and politics.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature.

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Basic Studies in Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Meyer, Media Democracy. How the Media Colonize Politics. Polity Press 2002.

Charteris-Black, Politicians and Rhetoric. Persuasive Power of Metaphor. Palgrave 2004.

Palonen & Summa (eds.), Pelkkää retoriikkaa. Vastapaino 1998.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination or essay

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## **700728A: Political Institutions and Processes, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Ruostetsaari Ilkka

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700728A Political Institutions and Processes (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to name, describe and explain what is understood with political institutions and processes.

**Contents:**

The course provides an introduction to European political systems, different models of democracy, and theories of political networks.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature.

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Basic Studies in Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Gallagher &amp; Laver &amp; Mair, Representative Government in Modern Europe, 3rd edition. McGraw Hill 2001.

Setälä, Demokratian arvo. Teoriat, käytännöt ja mahdollisuudet. Gaudeamus 2003.

Sorensen &amp; Torfing, Theories of Democratic Network Governance. Palgrave 2007.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination or essay

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**700729A: Political Output, 5 op****Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 - 31.07.2012**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to name, describe and explain the key principles of political output.

**Contents:**

Students become familiar with various forms of political output, public policy, and theories related to them.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature.

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**



Basic Studies in Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Peters & Pierre, Handbook of Public Policy. Sage 2006, pp. 1-166 and 395-492.

Tiihonen, From Governing to Governance. A Process of Change. Tampere University Press 2004.

One book from the following list:

Julkunen, Suunnanmuutos. 1990-luvun sosiaalipoliittinen reformi Suomessa. Vastapaino 2001.

Kiander, Laman opetukset. Suomen 1990-luvun kriisin syyt ja seuraukset. VATT 2001.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination or essay

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 700730A: Political System in Finland, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 - 31.07.2012

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to name, describe and name the key principles of political system in Finland.

**Contents:**

The course focuses on modern Finnish political history, main concepts in Finnish politics, and the Finnish political system and the role of elites in that system.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature.

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Basic Studies in Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Three books from the following list:

Hyvärinen, et al., Käsitteet liikkeessä, pp.. 7-116, 167-255, 257-307, 363-412, 467-518 and 569-591. Vastapaino 2003.

Jussila & Hentilä & Nevakivi, Suomen poliittinen historia 1809-2003. WSOY 2004 or newer edition.

Pesonen - Riihinen, Dynamic Finland. The Political System and the Welfare State. Finnish Literature Society 2002.

Ruostetsaari, Valta muutoksessa. WSOY 2003.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination or essay

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**700723P: Political Systems, 5 op****Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail**Opettajat:** Ruostetsaari Ilkka**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700723P Political Systems (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to name, describe and explain the key political systems.

**Contents:**

Students will develop an understanding of how the Finnish and other national political systems in Europe function. In addition, basic knowledge of the EU's political system is provided.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature.

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Course 700720P Introduction to Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Hague &amp; Harrop, Comparative Government and Politics, 6th edition. Palgrave 2004.

Saukkonen (ed.), Paikkana politiikka. Tietoa ja tulkintoja Suomen poliittisesta järjestelmästä. Helsingin yliopisto, yleisen valtio-opin laitos 2003.

McCormick, Understanding the European Union. Palgrave 2002.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**700724P: Political Thought, 5 op****Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 - 31.07.2012**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to name, describe and explain the major phases of political thought.

**Contents:**

Students learn about main lines of political thinking, key political ideologies and their historical development. In addition, students will become familiar with the ideologies of Finnish political parties.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature.

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Course 700720P Introduction to Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Heywood, Political Ideologies, 3rd edition. Palgrave 2003.

Paastela & Paloheimo (ed.), Suomen puolueiden periaateohjelmat. Poliitiikan tutkimuksen laitos 2006

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination or essay

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 700721P: Sources of Political Research, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700721P Sources of Political Research (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to name, describe and explain the key sources of political research.

**Contents:**

The students will become familiar with various kinds of data used in political science.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Course 700720P Introduction to Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Paloheimo & Wiberg, Poliitiikan perusteet, chapters 1-6. WSOY 1997.

Hänninen & Palonen (eds.), Lue poliittisesti. SoPhi 2003.

Leftwich (ed.), What is politics. Polity Press 2004

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**

No