Opasraportti

HuTK - Political Science (2012 - 2013)

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 I 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 700733P, 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 29 448 3428, Oili.Sievola(at)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. 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/vallio/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 the course list.

**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 I) 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 credits:**

- 700733P Introduction to Political Science 5 ECTS
- 700734P Political Ideologies 5 ECTS
- 700721P Sources of Political Research 5 ECTS
- 700735P Politics and Changing Contexts 5 ECTS
- 700723P Politicsl Systems 5 ECTS

**Intermediate Studies (Sub-fields of political science I -package) , 25 ECTS credits:**

Choose five of the following courses

- 700728A Political Institutions and Processes 5 ECTS
- 700736A Comparative European Politics and the Finnish Political System 5 ECTS
- 700737A Parties, Elections and Civil Society 5 ECTS
- 700726A Political Communication and Rhetoric 5 ECTS
- 700738A Introduction to Political Theory 5 ECTS
- 700739A Classics of Political Theory 5 ECTS
- 700740A European Integration and the Political System of the European Union 5 ECTS
- 700741A Multi-level Governance and Europeanization 5 op

**Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot**
Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen
kuvausset

700739A: Classics of Political Theory, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ruostetsaari Ilkka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
  a700739A Classics of Political Theory (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
5
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
Free
Mode of delivery:
Self study
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent study of literature
Target group:
Students minoring in Political Science
Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Successful completion of Basic Studies package in Political Science recommended
Recommended optional programme components:
None
Recommended or required reading:
Either
Platon, Valtio. Teokset IV. Otava 1999. 2nd edition. (3 ECTS credits)
or
Aristoteles, Politiikka. Teokset VIII. Gaudeamus 1991. (3 ECTS credits)

and one of the following:
Machiavelli, Ruhtinas. Karisto 1997. (2 ECTS credits)
Locke, Tutkielma hallitusvallasta. Gaudeamus 1995. (2 ECTS credits)
Rousseau, Yhteiskuntasopimuksesta. Karisto 1997. 3rd edition. (2 ECTS credits)

Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Ilkka Ruostetsaari

Working life cooperation:
No

700736A: Comparative European Politics and the Finnish Political System, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ruostetsaari Ilkka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700736A Comparative European Politics and the Finnish Political System (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
5

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
Free

Mode of delivery:
Self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent study of literature

Target group:
Students minoring in Political Science

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Successful completion of Basic Studies package in Political Science recommended

Recommended optional programme components:
None

Recommended or required reading:
Wiberg, Politiikka Suomessa. WSOY 2006 (2 ECTS credits).

Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Ilkka Ruostetsaari

Working life cooperation:
No

700740A: European Integration and the Political System of the European Union, 5 op
**ECTS Credits:** 5
**Language of instruction:** Finnish
**Timing:** Free
**Mode of delivery:** Self study
**Learning activities and teaching methods:** Independent study of literature
**Target group:** Students minoring in Political Science
**Prerequisites and co-requisites:** Successful completion of Basic Studies package in Political Science recommended
**Recommended optional programme components:** None
**Recommended or required reading:**
**Assessment methods and criteria:** Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay
**Grading:** 0-5
**Person responsible:** Ilkka Ruostetsaari
**Working life cooperation:** No

**700733P: Introduction to Political Science, 5 op**

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Erika Säynässalo
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:

ECTS Credits: 5
Language of instruction: Finnish
Timing:
Free

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, students can explain the most central concepts and theories in the study of politics science. And they know the central sources and are familiar with objects of study and contemporary topics in the field.

Contents:
The students become familiar with political science as a scholarly discipline and develop an understanding of the main political ideologies and types of political systems. The course provides students with a basic knowledge of the key concepts, theories, methods, and research problems in political science.

Mode of delivery:
Contact teaching and self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Compulsory lecture: Introduction to Political Science (20 h, 2 ECTS credits) and lecture examination. In addition, independent study of literature (3 ECTS credits).

Target group:
Students minoring in Political Science

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
None

Recommended optional programme components:
None

Recommended or required reading:
Heywood, Politics (3rd edition, 2007, Palgrave) (3 ECTS credits)

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture examination, and a book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Erika Säynässalo

Working life cooperation:
No

700738A: Introduction to Political Theory, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ruostetsaari Ilkka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700738A Introduction to Political Theory (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
5

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
Free

Mode of delivery:
Self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent study of literature

Target group:
Students minoring in Political Science

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Successful completion of Basic Studies package in Political Science recommended
Recommended optional programme components:
None

Recommended or required reading:
Koikkalainen - Korvela (toim.), Klassiset poliittiset ajattelijat. Vastapaino 2012 (2 ECTS credits) or
Lindroos - Soininen (toim.), Politiikan nykyteoreetikkoja. Gaudeamus 2008 (2 ECTS credits).

Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Ilkka Ruostetsaari

Working life cooperation:
No

700741A: Multi-level Governance and Europeanization, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ruostetsaari Ilkka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700741A Multi-level Governance and Europeanization (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
5

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
Free

Mode of delivery:
Self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent study of literature

Target group:
Students minoring in Political Science

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Successful completion of Basic Studies package in Political Science recommended

Recommended optional programme components:
None

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Ilkka Ruostetsaari

Working life cooperation:
No

700737A: Parties, Elections and Civil Society, 5 op
**ECTS Credits:**
5

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Timing:**
Free

**Mode of delivery:**
Self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Independent study of literature

**Target group:**
Students minoring in Political Science

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**
Successful completion of Basic Studies package in Political Science recommended

**Recommended optional programme components:**
None

**Recommended or required reading:**
Paloheimo - Raunio (toim.), Suomen puolueet ja puoluejärjestelmä. WSOY 2008 (2 ECTS credits) or Rosanvallon, Vastademokratia. Vastapaino 2008 (2 ECTS credits) or Evans, Voters and Voting. Sage 2003 (2 ECTS credits).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**
No

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

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -
**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies
**Laji:** Course
**Vastuuysikkö:** 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 can describe political communication and rhetoric as well as analyse the relation between media and politics and related questions.
Contents:
Students learn about research on political communication and rhetoric and the relationship between media and politics.
Mode of delivery:
Self study
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent study of literature
Target group:
Students minoring in Political Science
Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Successful completion of Basic Studies package in Political Science recommended
Recommended optional programme components:
None
Recommended or required reading:
Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Ilkka Ruostetsaari
Working life cooperation:
No

700734P: Political Ideologies, 5 op
Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ruostetsaari Ilkka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700734P Political Ideologies (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, knows the main lines of political thought and he/he has familiarised him-/herself with the key political ideologies and their historical development.
Contents:
The development of political ideologies; main lines of political thinking, key political ideologies.
Mode of delivery:
Self study
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent study of literature

Target group:
Students minoring in Political Sciences

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Course 700720P/700733P Introduction to Political Science recommended

Recommended optional programme components:
None

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, 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

Laajennusmuoto: Course

Vastuuorganisaatio: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelut: 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 are able to understand political institutions, policy processes, political networks and democratic theories.

Contents:
The books in the module provide an introduction to European political systems, different models of democracy, and theories of political networks.

Mode of delivery:
Self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent study of literature.

Target group:
Students minoring in Political Science

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Successful completion of Basic Studies package in Political Science recommended

Recommended optional programme components:
None

Recommended or required reading:
Keman (toim.), Comparative Democratic Politics. Sage 2002 (2 ECTS credits)
Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
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Working life cooperation:
No

700723P: Political Systems, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ruostetsaari Ilkka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
Free

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, students can describe the political systems of Europe and explain theoretical approaches to these 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:
Self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent study of literature.

Target group:
Students minoring in Political Science

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Course 700720P/700733P Introduction to Political Science recommended

Recommended optional programme components:
None

Recommended or required reading:
Hague and Harrop, Comparative Government and Politics (Palgrave 6th edition 2004) (2 ECTS credits);
Arter, Scandinavian Politics Today (Manchester University Press 2nd edition) (2 ECTS credits);
McCormick, Understanding the European Union (Palgrave 2002) (1 ECTS credit)

Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Ilkka Ruostetsaari

Working life cooperation:
No

700735P: Politics and Changing Contexts, 5 op
Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ruostetsaari Ilkka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
    ay700735P Politics and Changing Contexts (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
5
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
Free
Mode of delivery:
Self study
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent study of literature
Target group:
Students minoring in Political Science
Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Course 700720P/700733P Introduction to Political Science recommended
Recommended optional programme components:
None
Recommended or required reading:
Micheletti, Political Virtue and Shopping. Palgrave 2003. (2 ECTS credits); Suomalaiset osallistujina. Oikeusministeriön julkaisu 2009:5. (1 ECTS credit); Haukkala, Hiski (2012), Suomen muuttuvat koordinaatit (1 ECTS credit)
In addition: either Harvey, A Brief History of Neoliberalism (1 ECTS credit) or Held - McGrew, Globalization/anti-globalization. Polity Press 2002. (1 ECTS credit)
Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, 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
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ruostetsaari Ilkka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
    ay700721P Sources of Political Research (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
Free

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, students can cite, describe and explain the central objects of the study of politics.

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

Mode of delivery:
Self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent study of literature

Target group:
Students minoring in Political Science

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Course 700720P/700733P Introduction to Political Science recommended

Recommended optional programme components:
None

Recommended or required reading:
Paloheimo and Wiberg, Politiikan perusteet (chapters 1–6) (WSOY 1997) (1 ECTS credit);
Marsh and Stoker, Theory and Methods in Political Science (Palgrave 3rd edition 2010) (2 ECTS credits);
Leftwich (ed.), What is politics (Polity Press 2004) (2 ECTS credits)

Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Ilkka Ruostetsaari

Working life cooperation:
No