Political Science (2014 - 2015)

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: 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 website.

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", code 700733P). 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. Essay should be written 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, incl. the length of the essay, is available on the website).

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 fundaments 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 cr
700734P Political Ideologies 5 ECTS cr
700721P Sources of Political Research 5 ECTS cr
700735P Politics and Changing Contexts 5 ECTS cr
700723P Political Systems 5 ECTS cr

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

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot
Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

700739A: Classics of 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:
   ay700739A 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, Politikka. 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
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

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
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

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:
Tiilikainen - Palosaari (toim.), Integraation teoria. Gaudeamus 2007 (2 ECTS credits).
Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Ilkka Ruostetsaari
Working life cooperation:
No

700733P: Introduction to Political Science, 5 op

ECTS Credits:
**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Timing:**
Free

**Learning outcomes:**
After completing the course the students have a basic understanding of the key concepts, theories, research questions and materials, and current challenges in political science. The students will be familiar with political science as an academic discipline and know how it is linked to other subjects. The students can also reflect on changes in politics and political participation and identify the main properties of the most important political ideologies and types of political regimes.

**Contents:**
Introduction to political science; key concepts, theories, research questions and materials, and current challenges 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
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Erika Säynässalo

**Working life cooperation:**
No

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**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 politiittiset 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
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Ilkka Ruostetsaari

**Working life cooperation:**
No

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700741A: Multi-level Governance and Europeanization, 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:**
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
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**
0-5
**700737A: Parties, Elections and Civil Society, 5 op**

*Voimassaolo:* 01.08.2012 -  
*Opiskelumuoto:* Intermediate Studies  
*Laji:* Course  
*Vastuuysikkö:* Faculty of Humanities  
*Arvostelu:* 1 - 5, pass, fail  
*Opettajat:* Ruostetsaari Ilkka  
*Oppintokohteen kielet:* Finnish  
*Leikkaavuudet:*  
ay700737A Parties, Elections and Civil Society (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:**  
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  
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.  
**Grading:**  
0-5  
**Person responsible:** Ruostetsaari Ilkka  
**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:
Sanders, Communicating Politics in the Twenty-First Century. Palgrave 2009 (3 ECTS credits),
Charteris-Black, Politicians and Rhetoric. Persuasive Power of Metaphor. Palgrave 2004 (2 ECTS credits) or

Assessment methods and criteria:
Book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities, or essay
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

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
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Ilkka Ruostetsaari

Working life cooperation:
No
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

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
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

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
Vastuuysikkö: 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 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 700733P Introduction to Political Science is 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:
Essay or book exam on the examination date of the Faculty of Humanities
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

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
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

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: 5

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
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Ilkka Ruostetsaari

Working life cooperation:
No