

Assignments to replace more than one absence

Lecture attendance of at least 80% is required (5 out of 6 lectures). If you have participated in at least 5 lectures, there is no need to do assignments.

Any additional absences can be replaced by the following assignments. Please use some of the readings in your answers. The deadline for all assignments is 13 December. Please, contact [mari.holopainen\(a\)aalto.fi](mailto:mari.holopainen@aalto.fi) for any help.

Assignment for those who were absent on 26.10.

You can choose **one** of these tasks and write a description (approximately 0.5-1 A4).

**a) If politics is essentially social, why is not all social activity political? Should politics be thought of an arena or a process?
Source: e.g. Heywood, 2019**

b) Explore the Finnish Constitution. Describe how the Finnish Constitution defines the separation of powers and the role of the Parliament.

Source: Suomen perustuslaki: [Suomen perustuslaki 731/1999 - Ajantasainen lainsäädäntö - FINLEX®](#)

Assignment for those who were absent on 2.11.

Write a description (approximately 0.5-1 A4).

The Finnish Parliament received its first citizens' initiative a decade ago:

Analyze the role of citizens' initiatives in building democracy, including challenges.

Assignment for those who were absent on 9.11.

You can choose **one** of these tasks and write a description (approximately 0.5-1 A4).

- a) Analyze which institution holds the most power within the European Union?**
- b) How does the European Union influence national politics?**

Assignment for those who were absent on 16.11.

You can choose **one** of these tasks and write a description (approximately 0.5-1 A4).

- 1) What is the role of public political speaking in steering society?**
- 2) How do emotions influence politics?**

Assignment for those who were absent on 23.11.

Write a description (approximately 0.5-1 A4).

What, in your view, are the most important phases of the legislative drafting process?

Assignment for those who were absent on 30.11.

You can choose **one** of these tasks and write a description (approximately 0.5-1 A4).

- a) Why have public administrations become more reliant on management consultants?**
- b) What are the ways to lobby politicians, and which ones do you find the most efficient?**