**STV 2420 Spring 2025**

**Grading guidelines**

This is the information that was provided to students (on CANVAS):

*The term paper shall:*

- *Have a word count between 2500 and 3000 words.*
- *Use a 12-point, Times New Roman font and 1.5 line spacing.*
- *Be rooted in key parts of the literature on the reading.*
- *Be on a topic related to the curriculum but selected by the student.*
- *Meet the formal requirements for submission of written assignments.*

**Main criteria for the term paper assessment - substance**

- title that reflects the topic of the paper
- relevance of topic, narrowing down topic, clear research question
- accurate definition of core concepts
- linking concepts and empirics: operationalization
- motivation of case selection; appropriate case for addressing research question
- logical reasoning, relevant empirical information to answer the research question
- answering the research question and making explicit why students reach this conclusion
- if students make scoping conditions explicit or otherwise reflect upon the strengths/weaknesses of their analysis, they should be credited

**Main criteria for term paper assessment - formal aspects**

- formal criteria for the term paper
    - minimum 2500 words, maximum 3000 words (reference list excluded)
    - 12-point, Times New Roman font and 1.5 line spacing
    - use at least one academic reference (journal article, book chapter, book etc.) that is not part of the reading list
- other formal aspects
    - clear structure, headlines, paragraphs, page numbers
    - use of references, coherent referencing style and bibliography
    - use of clear language, understandable sentences

The grading of the term papers should follow the general guidelines for Political Science, see here:

https://www.uio.no/studier/eksamen/karakterskala/fagspesifikk-karakterbeskrivelse/sv-isv.html