



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Social Studies

1SO152 Världsekonomins omvandling, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Transformation of the World Economy, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Sociology

Subject Group

Sociology

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

GIN

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2014-10-29
The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2015

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Objectives

After completing this course, students shall be able to:

- understand and explain the historical perspectives on contemporary economic situations,
- comprehend the theoretical and empirical notions of global economic challenges, in particular challenges related to globalization, democratization and welfare development, and
- use theoretical concepts (in sociology and economics) in concrete analysis of contemporary economic phenomena.

Content

Economical issues are central in understanding of the transformations of the world. Political economy deals with issues such as inflation, unemployment, trade, welfare promotion, poverty, external shocks such as financial crises, recession, energy supply, environmental problems etcetera. The course will discuss the role(s) the economy and the market plays in relation to the state and civil society in the transformations of the world. In this course various varieties of capitalism and welfare systems, political aspects of the workings of economy and questions of world economic order and the transformations of the world economy will be highlighted and discussed.

Type of Instruction

Tutoring consists of lectures, seminars and assignments. Participation in seminars is

mandatory.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

Active participation in class, in addition to results in oral and written exams, are assessed.

Grade A is the highest grade and all other grades follow a falling scale in which grade E is the lowest grade to pass the course. A grade F means that the student has failed the course. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

Students who have failed the course (in other words, got an F) during the ordinary course examination date will receive the opportunity to go through an additional examination shortly after the ordinary course examination date.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of Linnaeus University. The compilation is delivered to the programme council, as well as to the teacher of the course. The next time the course is given the students are informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any changes that have been made in the course.

Credit Overlap

This course cannot be part of a degree in combination with another course in which the content fully or partly correspond to the content of this course: The course replaces 1SH133 and corresponds to a module within 1SH150. Credit overlap with both 1SH133 and 1Sh150: 7.5 hp.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Frieden, Jeffrey A. (2006) *Global capitalism: its fall and rise in the twentieth century*. 1. ed. New York: W.W. Norton. 556 pages.

Hort, Sven E. O. (2014). *Social policy, welfare state, and civil society in Sweden*. Vol. 1, History, policies, and institutions 1884-1988. 3., enl. ed. Lund: Arkiv Academic Press, 345 p.

Hort, Sven E. O. (2014). *Social policy, welfare state, and civil society in Sweden*. Vol. 2, The lost world of social democracy 1988-2015. 3., enl. ed. Lund: Arkiv Academic Press, 207 p.

Therborn, Göran (2013). *The killing fields of inequality*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 212 p.

Therborn, Göran (2011). *The world: a beginner's guide*. Cambridge: Polity, 256 p.

Articles provided by the School of Social Sciences or via Internet databases, 100 p.