



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Social Sciences

1SH133 Omvandling av världsekonomin, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Transformation of the World Economy, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Sociology

Subject Group

Social Studies

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by the Board of the School of Social Sciences 2009-12-09

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2012

Prerequisites

NO VALUE DEFINED

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 Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

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

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.

Other

International students are required to have a minimum of two years of successfully completed full-time studies (120 ECTS) at university level.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Dasgupta, P. (2007) *A Very Short Introduction to Economics*. Oxford University Press, 172p.

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

Articles provided by the School of Social Sciences or via Internet databases, 300p.