



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

1SK117 EU-politik, 7,5 högskolepoäng
European Union Politics, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject

Political Science

Level

First cycle

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2020-04-29.

Revised 2026-06-12. Revision of examination format.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2027.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- account for the EU institutions and the decision-making processes,
- account for the key policy areas within the EU,
- explain how the EU political system can be discussed on the basis of the separation of power and democracy,
- explain in what ways the EU political system can be discussed from a historical perspective,

- apply political scientific analysis within the EU policy areas,
- conduct analyses of current EU-related issues.

Content

The course gives a broad overview of European Union politics and its political system. It includes the origin and the historical development of the EU, the EU-institutions and decision-making processes, key policy areas, separation of power between the EU and the member states, and the EU's foreign relations, including enlargement and neighborhood policy. Finally, contemporary issues of the European Union are discussed.

Type of Instruction

The teaching methods consist of lectures and seminars.

Examination

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

Grade A represents the highest grade, and the subsequent grades follow in descending order, where grade E is the lowest grade that qualifies as a Pass. A grade of F means that the student's performance is assessed as Fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is permitted to supplement his/her examination.

Examination takes place by means of two seminars each comprising 1 credit, and one written exam comprising 5.5 credits. The seminars are assessed by the grades Fail or Pass. The written exam is assessed by the grades A-F. In order to receive a grade of E in the course, all the objectives must be fulfilled. To be awarded a final grade of D-A in the course, it is required that the grading criteria are fulfilled based on a weighted assessment of the grades for all the examination assignments. The final grade in the course is determined by the grade of the written exam, provided that the seminars are graded as Pass.

Resit examination is offered in accordance with Linnaeus University's Local regulations for courses and examination at the first- and second-cycle levels. In the event that a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course

Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course:
1SK112 7.5 credits, 1SK198 7.5 credits, and 1SK143 7.5 credits.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Cini, Michelle & Perez-Solorzano Borrigan, Nieves (Latest edition). *European Union*

Politics. Oxford: Oxford University Press (496 pages).

European Union: official Documents, provided by the department (300 pages).

Additional scientific journal articles (200 pages).