



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 Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2020-04-29

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2021

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, Fx 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 and one take-home exam. In order to receive a grade of E in the course, all the examinations and intended learning outcomes 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.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following 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 and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (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).