



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Social Sciences

1SK198 European Union Politics, 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 Organisational Committee 2009-12-04

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2010

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Expected learning outcomes

After the completion of the course, the students are expected to:

- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for the post-World War II history of European integration and the historical foundations of the contemporary European Union;
- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for the institutions and the separation of powers of the European Union;
- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for how European Union politics are organized and what policy-areas that are embedded in the work of the European Union;
- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for the different decision-making procedures used within the European Union institutions;
- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for the European Union as an foreign policy actor in regional and global politics.

Content

European Union Politics focuses on the origins and development of the European Union (EU). The European integration began with the aim of maintaining peace in a post-World War II era. Since then, this project has developed through bilateral and multilateral diplomatic talks between member states and through various Treaties. The

EU is a tool for coordinating the interests and politics of the member states on a European level, but also for promoting 'European' interests and values within and outside Europe. This course is designed to introduce students to the development of the European integration process, the organisation of the EU and its institutions, the influence of the EU member-states' national policies, as well as the role of the EU at the international arena.

Type of Instruction

The teaching methods consist of lectures, seminars and/or other assignments. The course is taught in English. At some moments of the course, attendance may be required.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

This course is assessed by an exam, which may be in writing and/or oral. It may also be accompanied by a seminar session. The grades are transferred to the following ECTS grades: A, B, C, D, E, F or Fx.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course an oral or written evaluation is carried out. The result will be communicated to the students.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Bomberg, Elisabeth, John Peterson and Alexander Stubb (eds, 2008, latest edition), *The European Union: How does it work?* Oxford: Oxford University Press (250 pages).

Smith, Karen (2008, latest edition), *European Union Foreign Policy in a Changing World*, Cambridge: Polity (250 pages).

Articles on current issues to be downloaded or provided by the instructor (300 pages).