



## 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 the Board of the School of Social Sciences 2009-12-04

Revised 2012-06-15. Revised course literature.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2012

**Prerequisites**

General entry requirements.

## Objectives

After the completion of the course, the student shall be able 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.

At some moments of the course, attendance may be required.

The course is taught in English.

### Examination

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

For the grade Pass (G), the course objectives shall be achieved. The grades are also transferred to the following ECTS grades: A, B, C, D, E, F or Fx.

This course is assessed by an exam, which may be in writing and/or oral. It may also be accompanied by a seminar session.

### 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**

Bache, Ian, Stephen George, and Simon Bulmer (2011) *Politics in the European Union*. (3:rd edition). Oxford University Press. (650 pages.)

Articles on current issues to be downloaded or provided by the instructor (350 pages).