



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Social Sciences

1SK230 Europeiska Unionen: Samtida frågor och debatter, 7,5
högskolepoäng

European Union: Contemporary Issues and Debates, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-07-17

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

Prerequisites

Political Science 1-30 credits

Expected learning outcomes

After completed course the student is expected to be able to:

- understand and discuss current issues and debates of the European Union
- understand and discuss theories of integration and apply these to the topics
- conduct an independent and analytical research paper on one important - current or future - issue or debate of the EU.

Content

In this course contemporary debates and issues of the European Union is discussed and analyzed. Topics could be related to issues such as EU as an international actor, enlargement or the treaty/constitutional debate.

Type of Instruction

The teaching methods consist of lectures, seminars and/or other assignments.

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).

The course is assessed by a written and/or oral exam, which may 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

A written evaluation is completed after the course, and it will be archived at the School of Social Sciences. The result and possible changes will be communicated to the students next time the course will be given.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

European Union: Contemporary Issues and Debates

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

Articles on current issues and debates to be downloaded or provided by the instructor. (500 pages).

Overview / Introduction to the EU;

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