



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

4SK102 Europeisk integration, 7,5 högskolepoäng
European Integration, 7.5 credits

Main field of study
Political Science

Subject
Political Science

Level
Second cycle

Progression
A1N

Date of Ratification
Approved 2015-11-25.
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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2025.

Prerequisites
General entry requirements for second-cycle studies in Social Sciences, of which a minimum of 30 credits in Political Science, or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- Account for the key themes and theory construction in the course.
- Identify and problematise key issues.
- Demonstrate a good ability to define and formulate an independent research problem within the scope of the course themes in European Integration.
- Demonstrate advanced ability to independently and creatively carry out a

scientific assignment.

- Demonstrate a good ability to account for arguments and conclusions, verbally as well as in writing, in dialogues with teachers and other students.

Content

This course looks into and problematises theoretical and political discussions on current political matters concerning the future of the European integration all over Europe, within the EU as well as between EU states and other parts of Europe. One of the key aspects is linking issues concerning the future of Europe to historical experiences. A few or some politically highly relevant issues related to Europe and the EU are looked into in a deeper context.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is conducted through lectures and seminars.

Examination

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

Grade A represents the highest grade on the scale, 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 of the course is carried out through three seminars and a written assignment which is also to be presented orally. In order to receive a grade of Pass (E), all examination assignments and intended learning outcomes must be fulfilled. To be awarded a final grade of D-A in the course, the grading criteria must be fulfilled based on a weighted assessment of all the examination assignments.

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

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:
4SK406 7.5 credits.

Other Information

Information about the grading scale A-F is given in a separate document, provided at the start of the course, at the latest.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Bache, Ian; Bulmer, Simon; George, Stephen; Parker, Owen and Charlotte Burns (Latest edition). *Politics in the European Union*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (632 pages).

Rhinard, Mark. Nugent, Neill. Paterson William. E (Latest edition). *Crises and challenges for the European Union*. London: Bloomsbury Academic. (497 pages).

Additional journal articles (600 pages).