



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Science

4SK105 Beslutsfattande och implementering inom EU, 7,5
högskolepoäng

EU Policy-making and its Implementation, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2020-11-11

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2021

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for second-cycle studies in a subject within the field of social sciences, of which at least 30 credits in political science, or the equivalent. English course 6 or the equivalent.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- explain, discuss, and analyse theoretical and empirical questions in the area of EU policy-making and its implementation,
- explain, discuss, and analyse European integration, EU institutions, EU policy areas, EU policy-making and current challenges,
- explain, discuss, and apply current theories of European (dis)integration,
- identify and problematize key issues within the field,
- define relevant research problems within the field,
- independently conduct research and complete an academic study.

Content

How are decisions made and adopted at the EU level and how are these decisions implemented in the member states? What actors are involved in this policy process and what are the current challenges in relation to this process in the EU and its member states? This course focuses on these issues and will in addition to a brief historical overview of the growth of the EU, look into the core institutions within the union and the policy-making in the EU. The course will also look into the implementation of EU policies in a multi-level governance system. We will also discuss the EU core policy areas and current crises and their impact on EU policy-making as well as on the entire EU (crises to be discussed concern the rise of Euroscepticism, the rise of radical right parties and nationalism, the democratic backsliding, the economic crisis, the Eurozone crisis, the asylum crisis, BREXIT, and the Corona crisis). The emphasis of the course is to link these crises to the most current theories within the field of European (dis) integration.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures, seminars and supervision.

Examination

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

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that qualifies as a pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to supplement her/his examination.

Examination of the course takes place by means of participation in three seminars and by completing an independent project. The assessment and grading takes place by the use of the grading scale A-F. In order to receive a grade of pass (E), it is required that all the examination assignments are assessed as pass and that the intended learning outcomes are attained. For a final grade of D-A in the course, it is required that the criteria for the respective grade are attained based on a weighted assessment of all the examination assignments. Information about the grading criteria is provided in connection with the start of the course.

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.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Bulmer, Simon; Parker, Owen; Bache, Ian, George, Stephen och Charlotte Burns (senaste upplagan). *Politics in the European Union*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (576 pages).

Foster, Nigel (Latest edition). *EU Law. Directions*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (Part I and II: 277 pages).

Scientific publications also included, approximately 400 pages.