Linnæus University

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Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

4SK107 Europeiskt politiskt entreprenörskap, 7,5 högskolepoäng
European Political Entrepreneurship, 7.5 credits

Main field of study
Political Science

Subject
Political Science

Level
Second cycle

Progression
A1N

Date of Ratification
Approved 2020-02-05.
Revised 2025-12-09. The prerequisite requirement has been supplemented with subjects according to GY25.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2026.

Prerequisites
General entry requirements for second-cycle studies in social sciences, economics or equivalent subject. English 6/English level 2, or the equivalent.

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

- Describe and analyse entrepreneurship and political entrepreneurship as a research subject with special emphasis on the European Union, individual European institutions, member states and regional as well as local actors.

- Account for the EU as a political actor and possible political entrepreneur.
- Present in what ways the multi-level governance of the EU and its actors may work politically and entrepreneurially within different policy areas, such as migration and integration, education, environmental policy, financial growth, development of democracy, and safety.
- Critically exemplify if, and in such cases also how, the multi-level governance of the EU and its actors may work politically and entrepreneurially within Europe as well as globally for a sustainable development.

Content

The course discusses and problematizes current theoretical and political discussions on European political entrepreneurship. The multi-governance of the European Union and current political issues regarding the future of European integration, within the EU as well as between the EU and other parts of Europe and the EU and the surrounding world are discussed. A key aspect is the emphasis on how challenges in society can be handled to promote European sustainable development and the role of political entrepreneurship and how this may play out in handling the European and global societal challenges. Some political issues of topical interest related to Europe, the EU and European integration are also discussed.

The course includes the elements:

- Theoretical perspectives on the EU as a multi-level governance system and European political entrepreneurship.
- The EU and European political entrepreneurship in policy processes within areas such as migration and integration, education, environmental policy, financial growth, development of democracy, and safety.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures.

Examination

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

Grade A represents the highest grade 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 objectives takes place by means of an essay comprising 6 credits, assessed by the grades A-F, and by writing a paper comprising 1.5 credits, assessed by the grades Fail or Pass. The final grade in the course is determined by the grade for the essay, provided that the student receives a Pass for the paper.

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.

Other Information

The course is an optional course included in the Master's programme in Political Science.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Karlsson, Charlie, Silander, Charlotte och Silander, Daniel (Eds.) (2018). *Governance and Political Entrepreneurship in Europe - Promoting Growth and Welfare in Times of Crisis*. Cheltenham, UK & Northampton, USA: Edward Elgar. (289 pages).

Karlsson, Charlie, Silander, Daniel och Pircher, Brigitte (Eds.) (2019). *Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth - Political Entrepreneurship for a prosperous Europe*. Cheltenham, UK & Northampton, USA: Edward Elgar. (288 pages).

Articles provided by the teachers (200 pages).