



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Science

4SK401 Internationella organisationer, 7,5 högskolepoäng

International Organizations, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject

Political Science

Level

Second cycle

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2018-06-13.

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2026.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for second-cycle studies in Social Sciences, Humanities, Economics or the equivalent, and English 6 or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- account for the key themes and theories in the course
- identify and problematise key themes and issues
- define and formulate an independent research problem within the scope of the course themes and international organisations
- independently and in a creative manner conduct a scientific study
- orally as well as in writing account for arguments and conclusions in discussions

with teachers and other students.

Content

The course addresses and problematises various contemporary theoretical and political discussions with regard to the role of formal international organisations within international relations. Various essential international and regional organisations within peace and security, economy, and humanitarian issues are discussed on the basis of the structure, decision-making process and functions of these organisations. At least one international organisation and one specific current theme in the world or in Europe are discussed in detail.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

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 consists of three seminars including three minor written assignments, graded as Pass (G) or Fail (U), and an advanced and more extensive scientific study which makes up 50% of the examination of the course, graded by the use of the grading scale A-F.

To be awarded a grade of Pass (E), it is required that all the intended learning outcomes and all the examination components are assessed as at least E. The final grade in the course is determined by the grade for the scientific study. Information about the basis of assessment and the grading criteria is given in a separate document provided at the start of the course, at the latest.

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 and to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Pease, Kelly-Kate (latest edition). *International Organizations: Perspectives on Global Governance*. Routledge: Abingdon, Oxon. 346 p.

Poast, Paul och Johannes Urpelainen. (2018). *Organizing Democracy How International Organizations Assist New Democracies*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 250 p. ISBN 9780226543345.

Silander, Daniel, Don Wallace och John Janzekovic (Eds.). (2016). *International Organizations and The Rise of ISIL: Global Responses to Human Security Threats*. New York: Taylor & Francis, 250 p. ISBN 9781315536088.

Scientific articles also included, approx. 400 pages.