



## Programme syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Europastudier, 180 högskolepoäng

European Studies Programme, 180 credits

### **Level**

First cycle

### **Date of Ratification**

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The programme syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2026.

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements + Civics 1b alt. Civics 1a1 +1a2 and English 6. Or: Civics level 1b or Civics level 1a1 +1a2, English level 2

## Description of Programme

The aim of the European Studies Programme is to provide students with knowledge and methods to conduct qualified administrative duties on the European labour market in the international as well as national public and private sectors.

## Objectives

### **Qualitative Targets in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance**

#### *Knowledge and Understanding*

In order to obtain a Degree of Bachelor, the student shall:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the main field of study, including knowledge of the scientific basis of the field, knowledge of applicable methods, advanced knowledge of specific issues within some part of the field, and general knowledge of current research issues.

#### *Competence and Skills*

In order to obtain a Degree of Bachelor, the student shall:

- demonstrate the ability to search out, collect, evaluate and critically interpret relevant information in a problem formulation and be able to critically discuss phenomena, issues and situations,
- demonstrate the ability to independently identify, define and solve problems, and to perform tasks in a timely manner,
- demonstrate the ability to orally and in writing present and discuss information, problems and solutions in dialogue with various groups, and
- demonstrate the skills required to work independently within the field of study.

### *Judgement and Approach*

In order to obtain a Degree of Bachelor, the student shall:

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study, with regard to relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects,
- demonstrate an insight into the role of knowledge in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and to develop his / her individual competence.

## Content

The programme is given by the Faculty of Social Sciences, and a programme coordinator is responsible for the administration, organisation and quality management within the programme.

### **Programme Overview**

The programme consists of European Studies comprising 30 credits, advanced studies in Political Science comprising 90 credits, and two semesters free of choice. During semester three, five and/or six, students may choose to study courses in the humanities or the social sciences at a Swedish or an international university or conduct an internship in Sweden or abroad and subsequently produce a report or a study project.

### **Programme Courses**

Specific entry requirements apply to the courses in the programme, and these specific entry requirements are stipulated in the respective course syllabus. The order of the included courses may be altered.

\* = course within the main field of study

#### *Semester 1*

Political Science I\*, 30 credits (G1N): the semester is an introduction to the various subdisciplines within the subject such as political ideas, Swedish and comparative politics, administrative politics and international politics.

#### *Semester 2*

Programme specific semester: European politics and issues\*, 30 credits (G1N) (four courses on 7.5 credits each); the aim of the semester is to provide the students with an overview of at least four comprehensive and current European themes. Such courses given may for instance be European Integration, EU Politics, European Security, Democratization Studies, and International Security, Power and Democracy.

### *Semester 3*

Studies abroad or optional courses which the students apply for themselves in consultation with the programme coordinator, comprising 30 credits (G1N); may involve complementary studies in one or several other courses at the Linnaeus University or abroad, through the Linnaeus University exchange programme.

### *Semester 4*

Political Science II\*, 30 credits (G1F): this course consists of complementary and specialised studies in Political Science I (G1N), and discusses for instance the democracy in various political systems, basic social scientific methods, a number of optional courses with various research themes, and an independent academic paper.

### *Semester 5*

The student may choose between the following alternatives. However, studies in Political Science III, 30 credits (G2E), must take place in semester 5 or 6.

1. Political Science III, 30 credits (G2E) (held at Campus Växjö\*); consists of specialised studies in the knowledge and skills of analysis and methods, and a final independent academic paper, a Bachelor's Essay (15 credits).
2. Studies abroad or optional courses which the students apply for themselves in consultation with the programme coordinator, 30 credits (G1N); may involve complementary studies in one or several courses at the Linnaeus University or abroad, through the Linnaeus University exchange programme.
3. Internship, 30 credits (GF2); students are themselves responsible for arranging a relevant internship in Sweden or abroad, to be approved by the programme coordinator. The students perform various tasks during the placement under the guidance of a supervisor and subsequently presents an internship report.

### *Semester 6*

The student may choose between the following alternatives. However, studies in Political Science III, 30 credits (G2E), must take place in semester 5 or 6.

1. Political Science III, 30 credits (G2E) (held at Campus Kalmar\*); consists of specialised studies in the knowledge and skills of analysis and methods, and a final independent academic paper, a Bachelor's Essay (15 credits).
  2. Studies abroad or optional courses which the students apply for themselves in consultation with the programme coordinator, 30 credits (G1N); may involve complementary studies in one or several courses at the Linnaeus University or abroad, through the Linnaeus University exchange programme.
  3. Internship, 30 credits (GF2); students are themselves responsible for arranging a relevant internship in Sweden or abroad, to be approved by the programme coordinator. The students perform various tasks during the placement under the guidance of a supervisor and subsequently presents an internship report.
- Certain courses may be held in English.

## **Societal Relevance**

The connection to the working life is specially emphasised through the contents of the programme. Students are given the opportunity to work closely to organisations and companies in society, for instance through projects, which is in particular possible

within the scope of the degree project. One important feature of the programme in European Studies is the possibility for internship in semester five or six, where students may choose to either perform their internship at a relevant workplace and write an internship report, or complete a major project (analysis or evaluation work) for an external

employer, either in Sweden or abroad. Examination of the internship report/project takes place at the university. The programme also invites guest lecturers who have a clear professional connection with the programme contents.

### **Internationalization**

The European Studies Programme has a clear international profile. The subject of political science is in terms of content and research related to the international context. A variety of themes on globalization and internationalization are discussed in the programme and guest lecturers from universities abroad and international practices are also invited, who either give their own courses or separate lectures. Internationalization permeates the entire programme also in other ways since some courses may be given in English and include international guest lecturers, and some courses are studied together with international students. In semester 3, 5 or 6, students have the opportunity to study abroad through the university's exchange agreements for studies abroad, and in semester 5 or 6 students also have the opportunity to conduct internship abroad.

### **Programme Perspectives**

#### *Sustainable Development*

The programme discusses theoretical perspectives that in particular deal with analysing sustainability in society, on the basis of political, economic and social aspects.

#### *Equal Terms*

At Linnaeus University, equal terms refer to diversity, equality, equal opportunities, equal treatment and availability. These aspects are brought into focus in the teaching content of political science, in particular concerning political equality, representativity and equity. More concrete aspects are given in the syllabus of each course.

#### *Broadened Knowledge Perspective (Education)*

The aim of the educational perspective is for students to develop a critical and ethical approach within the scope of other/current disciplinary and knowledge domains. A number of classical works are used as a starting point for the different themes within the programme and political science, in order to gain an understanding of research as well as the current public debate on problems of modern society within the themes in question.

#### *Entrepreneurial Approach*

The programme offers the students the opportunity to reflect on the entrepreneurial approach in relation to the professional practice. This entails for instance the development of general competencies such as initiative, responsibility, communication and cooperation, and the ability to analyse the occurrence of political entrepreneurship within various organisations.

## **Degree**

After completed studies in accordance with the objectives specified by the Higher Education Ordinance and the Linnaeus University Degree Ordinance, the student may apply for a degree certificate. Students who have completed the European Studies Programme may receive the following degree:

Bachelor of Science with a specialization in European Studies

Main field of study: Political Science

The degree certificate is written in Swedish and English. The degree certificate also comes with a Diploma Supplement (in English).

### **Other Information**

Studies abroad and the choice of optional courses are discussed in consultation between the programme coordinator and student. During the programme, national and international field trips may be arranged, aimed at giving the students insight into how various political systems and administrations as well as other political institutions work in practice. These trips are voluntary and are paid for by the students themselves.