



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 2024.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements + Civics 1b alt. Civics 1a1 +1a2 and English 6.

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 their 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 comprises a total of 180 credits, which include 90 credits in specialised studies in the main field of study Political Science, 30 credits in programme specific courses, and the opportunity to study optional courses in two semesters. During semester three, five and/or six, the student may choose to either conduct complementary studies within the field of humanities or social sciences, preferably at a university abroad, or carry out internship and produce an internship report or an evaluation project, in Sweden or abroad.

At least 30 credits of the programme courses must belong to another main field of study than political science.

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.

Exactly when during the study year and study period the courses are held may vary from year to year. The courses in the programme may also in consultation and agreement with the course coordinator be exchanged for other courses within the specialisation of the programme. The entry requirements for courses and the local regulations for examination at Linnaeus University must always be fulfilled.

* = course within the main field of study

Semester 1

Political Science 1-30 credits. The semester is an introduction to the various subdisciplines within the subject. The courses included are:

- Political Ideas, 7.5 credits (G1N*)
- Swedish Politics and Public Administration, 7.5 credits (G1N*)
- Comparative Politics, 7.5 credits (G1N*)
- International Politics, 7.5 credits (G1N*) .

Semester 2

Programme specific semester: European politics and issues, 30 credits (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. The courses included are:

- European (Dis)integration, 7.5 credits (G1N*)
- European Union Politics, 7.5 credits (G1N*)
- Democratisation Studies, 7.5 credits (G1N*)
- International power, security and democracy, 7.5 credits (G1N*)

Semester 3

Optional course/-s, 30 credits. May preferably involve complementary studies within one or several subjects at Linnaeus University, other higher education institution, or abroad through the Linnaeus university exchange programme.

Semester 4

Political Science 31-60 credits: The course consists of complementary and specialised studies of Political Science 1-30 credits (G1N), and discusses for instance the democracy within various political systems, basic methods in social science, a number of elective courses with different themes of research, and an independent project. The courses included are:

- Representative Democracy in Political Systems, 7.5 credits (G1F*)
- Elective course, 7.5 credits (G1F*)
- Methods in Political Science I, 7.5 credits (G1F*)
- Independent Essay Work, 7.5 credits (G1E*)

Semester 5

The student may choose between the following three alternatives. However, Political Science 61-90 credits must be studied in semester 5 or 6.

1) Political Science 61-90 credits (given at Campus Växjö): the course contains specialised studies in the knowledge and skills in analysis and method, and a final independent project, a Bachelor's essay (15 credits). The courses included are:

- Political Analysis, 7.5 credits (G2F*)
- Social Scientific Methods II, 7.5 credits (G2F*)
- Independent Degree Project, 15 credits (G2E*)

or

2) Optional course/-s comprising 30 credits. May involve complementary studies in one or several courses at the Linnaeus University or abroad, through the Linnaeus University exchange programme.

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3) Internship semester, 30 credits; 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. The course included is:

- Internship, 30 credits (G2F)

Semester 6

The student may choose between the following three alternatives. However, Political Science 61-90 credits must be studied in semester 5 or 6.

1) Political Science 61-90 credits (given at Campus Kalmar): the course contains specialised studies in the knowledge and skills in analysis and method, and a final independent project, a Bachelor's essay (15 credits). The courses included are:

- Political Analysis, 7.5 credits (G2F*)
- Social Scientific Methods II, 7.5 credits (G2F*)
- Independent Degree Project, 15 credits (G2E*)

or

2) Optional course/-s comprising 30 credits. May involve complementary studies in one or several courses at the Linnaeus University or abroad, through the Linnaeus University exchange programme.

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3) Internship semester, 30 credits; 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. The course included is:

- Internship, 30 credits (G2F)

The programme is given on full-time on campus. Some 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.

Internationalisation

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 globalisation and internationalisation 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. Internationalisation 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.

Sustainable Development

Within the study programme, the sustainability of society is looked into based on ecological, democratic, economic and social perspectives. Current challenges faced by political institutions such as parliament, government and national social welfare systems are discussed. Another theme discussed in the programme concerns the changed framework for national actors brought on by globalisation. In what ways Sweden's dependence on the EU institutions and policies has changed over time is analysed and discussed, not the least within the main field of study political science. Some other issues addressed are whether or not market solutions have become more frequently occurring in Swedish politics and how significant the role of the civil society is today within the field of social welfare.

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:

Degree of 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

Any additional costs that may arise, such as travel expenses in connection with study trips or internship, are paid for by the students themselves.