



Programme syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Europastudier, 180 högskolepoäng

European Studies Programme, 180 credits

Level

First Level

Date of Ratification

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Prerequisites

General entry requirements and Civics 1b / 1a1 +1a2 or Civics A, English B (Field-specific entry requirements 6/A6).

Description of Programme

The main objective of the European Studies Programme is to provide students with knowledge and methods to conduct qualified administrative duties on the European labour market in international and national public and private agencies.

Objectives

Key objectives in accordance with the Higher Education Regulation

Knowledge and comprehension

In order to obtain a bachelor's degree the student is expected to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the main field of study, including knowledge of the study's scientific basis, have knowledge of applicable methods, have advanced knowledge of specific issues and have general knowledge of current research issues.

Proficiency and capability

In order to obtain a bachelor's degree the student is expected to:

- Demonstrate the ability to search, collect, evaluate and critically interpret relevant information and a problem formulations and be able to discuss events, issues and situations,
- Demonstrate the ability to independently identify, formulate and solve problems, and to perform tasks in a timely manner,
- Demonstrate the ability to verbally and in writing to present and discuss

- information, problems and solutions in a dialogue with various groups, and
- Demonstrate the skill required to work independently within the field of study.

Evaluative capability and attitude

In order to obtain a bachelor's degree the student is expected to:

- Demonstrate ability in the main field of study to make assessments based on relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects,
- Demonstrate insight of the role of knowledge in society and on human responsibility for its usage, and
- Demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and to develop his / her individual competence.

Programme specific objectives

At the Linnaeus University, students that are enrolled in the European Studies Programme shall after completing the programme:

- Demonstrate knowledge in particular about EU's organization and work, European law, European states and political systems and European integration in the member countries' national policies,
- Demonstrate good proficiency in investigative work, evaluation and forecasting activities and projects,
- Demonstrate the ability to critically and reflexively analyse various social phenomena and European developments and to work both independently and in groups,
- Demonstrate an understanding of both other countries and cultures, European and global conditions,
- Demonstrate a good command of both oral and written communication also in a foreign language,
- Demonstrate an ability to analyse social phenomena on the basis of gender, diversity and ecological perspective, and
- Be prepared for the Master's courses in Social Sciences.

More specific learning outcomes are shown in the respective course curricula included in the programme.

Content

The programme consists of European Studies, 30hp, Political Science, 90hp, and two semesters free of choice. During semester four, five and/or six, students may choose to study courses in the humanities or the social sciences at a Swedish or international university or conduct an internship in Sweden or abroad and develop a report. After three years of completed full-time studies, 180 credits, a Bachelor of Science with specialization in European Studies may be received.

The European Studies Programme has a clear international profile. Programme students conduct parts of the education together with foreign exchange students enrolled at the university. In addition, programme students are encouraged to conduct semester five and/or six at a partner university abroad and courses are selected together with the programme leader. Students may also have the opportunity to meet international guest lecturers at the university and there is also a possibility to conduct an internship internationally.

Semester 1
Political Science, 30 credits

Semester 2
Political Science, 30 credits

Semester 3
European Studies, 30 credits. This semester consists of four courses of 7,5 credits each covering areas such as European Union Politics and European Integration or other European-related thematically areas.

Semester 4
Optional course of 30 credits, or Internship of 30 credits.

Semester 5
Political Science, 30 credits, or Optional course of 30 credits, or Internship of 30 credits. Political Science, 30 credits, and 15 credit thesis must be included in semester 5 or 6.

Semester 6
Political Science, 30 credits, or Optional course of 30 credits, or Internship of 30 credits. Political Science, 30 credits, and 15 credit thesis must be included in semester 5 or 6.

PROGRAMME COURSES

Year 1

Semester 1
Introductory studies in Political Science, 30 credits (G1N). The semester consists of four courses of 7.5 credits each. These courses introduce students to basic understandings of Political Science with focus on political systems, political cultures, public sectors and policies and international politics etc.

Semester 2
Continued studies in Political Science, 30 credits (G1F). The semester consists of four courses of 7.5 credits each. These courses provide continued understandings of Political Science with focus on theories and methods in addition to specialized courses.

Year 2

Semester 3
European politics and issues, 30 credits (G1N). This semester includes four courses of 7.5 credits each. Themes covered in these courses may be: European integration, EU's historical developments, enlargements, competencies, policies and procedures; EU's institutions, decision-making procedures and democratic structures; European politics from a comparative perspective and the EU and other organizations in international politics.

Semester 4
Optional course of 30 credits, or Internship of 30 credits (G1N)

Year 3

Semester 5

Continued studies in Political Science, 30 credits (G2E), or optional course, 30 credits, or Internship of 30 credits (G1N). Course studies and internship may be conducted abroad. Political Science, 30 credits (G2E), must be conducted semester five or six. A major individual thesis of 15 credits is mandatory to be completed.

Semester 6

Continued studies in Political Science, 30 credits (G2E), or optional course, 30 credits, or Internship of 30 credits (G1N). Course studies and internship may be conducted abroad. Political Science, 30 credits (G2E), must be conducted semester five or six. A major individual thesis of 15 credits is mandatory to be completed.

SOCIETAL RELEVANCE

An important part of the European Studies Programme is the possibility to conduct an internship in semester four, five or six. Each student participates at a relevant workplace and develops a report or conduct a major project (evaluation/assessment) for an employer in Sweden or abroad. The report/project is examined at the University. The programme does also invite external guest lecturers.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

Semester four, five and six offer the opportunity to conduct course studies or project abroad after consultation and coordination with programme leader.

SCOPE OF PROGRAMME

The European Studies programme has an international profile. Such profile embeds an international perspective in most parts of the education, participation by international exchange students and the possibility for enrolled students to conduct programme studies abroad. The European Studies programme also integrates diversity, gender and sustainable development.

Quality Development

The European Studies Programme assures student participation and leverage through systematic implementation of written evaluations of each course. Students and/or student representatives may also meet with course instructors to discuss results of course evaluations, programme structure and content etc. Thereafter are course evaluations handled by the Director of undergraduate studies in Political Science. It is important with an on-going dialogue between course instructors and students and with student engagement and participation to promote programme developments.

Degree Certificate

After completed program studies and completed studies equivalent to the requirements set out in the Higher Education Ordinance and local regulations at Linnaeus University may the student apply for a diploma. Students that have completed the European Studies Programme may receive the following diploma:

Bachelor of Science with specialization in European Studies
Main field of study: Political Science

The diploma is presented in Swedish and English. The diploma also comes with a Diploma Supplement (in english).

Other Information

The choice of study abroad and optional courses happen in consultation between program leader and student.

During programme studies, students are usually offered the opportunity to go on a field trip to Brussels or other European destination. The main objective of such field trip is to provide students new insights in how political institutions, interest groups, and

international organizations function. Participation in field trip is voluntarily and to a larger part financed by students themselves.