



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

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, formulate 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 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 of EU's organisation and working methods, the EU law, European states and political systems and the importance of European integration to national policies of the member states
- Demonstrate good proficiency in investigative work, evaluation and forecasting activities and projects,
- Demonstrate the ability to critically and in a reflective manner analyse various social phenomena and European development tendencies, and to work independently as well as part of a group,
- Demonstrate an understanding of other countries and cultures as well as European and global conditions,
- Demonstrate a good command of both oral and written communication also in a foreign language,
- Demonstrate the ability to analyse social phenomena on the basis of gender, diversity and ecological perspectives, and
- Be prepared for the Master's courses in Social Sciences.

More specific information about the intended learning outcomes is stated in the respective course syllabuses included in the programme.

Content

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

Programme Overview

The programme consists of European Studies on 30 credits, advanced studies in Political Science on 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 (G1F) (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 administrator, equivalent to 30 credits (G1N); may involve complementary studies in one or several other courses at the Linnaeus University or abroad, through the university's various exchange agreements for studies abroad.

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 administrator, 30 credits (G1N); may involve complementary studies in one or several courses at the Linnaeus University or abroad, through the university's various exchange agreements for studies abroad.
3. Internship, 30 credits (GF2); students are themselves responsible for arranging a relevant internship in Sweden or abroad, to be approved by the programme administrator. 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 administrator, 30 credits (G1N); may involve complementary studies in one or several courses at the Linnaeus University or abroad, through the university's various exchange agreements for studies abroad.
3. Internship, 30 credits (GF2); students are themselves responsible for arranging a relevant internship in Sweden or abroad, to be approved by the programme administrator. 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 connections to the working life are 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. An important part of the European Studies Programme is the possibility to conduct an internship in semester five or six. The students themselves choose to either conduct practical training at a relevant workplace and subsequently produce an internship report, or perform a major project (evaluation or study) for an employer either in Sweden or abroad. The report/project is examined at the University. Guest lecturers with a clear professional connection to the programme are also invited.

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

In the programme, theoretical perspectives are discussed, mainly focused on analysing the sustainability of society on the basis of political, economical and social aspects.

Equal Terms

At the Linnaeus University, equal terms entails diversity, racial and gender equality, equal treatment and accessibility. In political science, these aspects are brought into focus in the content of the education, such as in relation to political equality, representativity and fairness. More concrete aspects of this are found in the respective course syllabuses.

Broadened Knowledge Perspective (Education)

The aim of the perspective of education is for students to develop a critical and ethical approach within the scope of other/current fields of science and knowledge. Within political science and the various themes within the programme, a number of classical works are used as a starting point to understand research as well as current societal debates related to each theme.

Entrepreneurial Approach

During the programme, students are given the opportunity to reflect on the entrepreneurial approach in the professional practice. This entails for instance the development of general competencies such as initiative, responsibility, communication and cooperation, as well as analysing any occurrences of political entrepreneurship within different organisations.

Quality Development

The board of the Faculty of Social Sciences holds the overall responsibility for the quality of the education and the systematic quality assurance in terms of follow-up of the programme as a whole and the progression of the studies, and shall develop the relevance to people representing outside interests and the relation to current research. The European Studies Programme assures student participation and leverage through systematic implementation of written evaluations of each course, and through student representation in the faculty board, working committee and programme council (or the equivalent). The students' views are used as a basis for the board's quality assurance. Compilations of various evaluations are accessible through the university.

Degree Certificate

After completing programme studies equivalent to the requirements listed in both the Higher Education Ordinance's system of qualifications and Linnaeus University's system of qualifications, the student can apply for a diploma. 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

The choice of studies abroad and optional courses takes place in consultation between the programme administrator and the student. During the programme studies, national as well as international field trips may be arranged, aimed at giving the students new insights into how various political systems and administrations as well as other political institutions function in reality. Participation in such field trips is optional, and the trips are paid for by the students themselves.