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Faculty of Social Sciences

## **STVP35, Political Science: Political Science Methodology for European Affairs, 15 credits**

*Statsvetenskap: Statsvetenskaplig metodologi för europastudier, 15 högskolepoäng*

**Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences on 2014-04-07 to be valid from 2014-04-07, autumn semester 2014.

### **General Information**

This course in Political Science is offered to second-year students in Lund University's Master of Science in European Affairs programme.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Political Science

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, students should demonstrate:

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- comprehensive knowledge of research problems, design, methods and research results in the study of the European Union,

#### **Competence and skills**

- the ability to independently formulate a relevant research question and to theorise, generalise and discuss this problem in an abstract way,
- the ability to design, execute and reflect on all stages of the research process,

- the ability summarise, review, evaluate and criticise the research design of other studies of the European Union and similar areas,
- the ability to communicate the results of learning and research processes to different kinds of recipients within a given time frame, both in writing and orally,
- a critical attitude towards knowledge, learning, politics and society,
- the ability to contribute to a common learning environment.

## Course content

The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the diverse research methods used in the study of The European Union. The course covers both qualitative and quantitative methods, and concrete examples are drawn from comparative politics, international relations and other sub-disciplines of political science. The students are tasked with formulating their own research problem, and then to step-by-step develop their own research design on how to best answer that problem.

## Course design

Teaching includes lectures and seminars.

## Assessment

The course is assessed through written assignments, active participation in seminars, and a final paper. The paper should be a research prospectus, detailing how to leverage quantitative and qualitative evidence to answer a research question. In order to pass the course, all the assessments need to be successfully completed. Attendance to the seminars is compulsory and absences need to be notified to the teachers.

Re-examination is offered after the end of the course. If necessary, a second re-examination is arranged at a later date.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grades awarded are A, B, C, D, E or Fail. The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail. The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results. At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus, and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

## **Entry requirements**

To be eligible to the course the student must be enrolled in the Master of Science in European Affairs programme at Lund University.

## Subcourses in STVP35, Political Science: Political Science Methodology for European Affairs

Applies from V14

- 1401 Examination 1, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1402 Examination 2, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1403 Examination 3, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1404 Political Science Methodology for European Affairs, 15,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A