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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

EUHR11, The Meaning of Europe: Culture, Values and Identity, 15 credits

*The Meaning of Europe: Culture, Values and Identity, 15
högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2010-09-10 to be valid from 2010-09-10, autumn semester 2014.

General Information

The course is part of the Master of Arts programme in European Studies. The course can also be offered as a free-standing course for eligible students. It can normally be included as part of a first- or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

European Studies

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 the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give an in-depth account of issues, theories and research associated with Europe from a humanist perspective,
- be able to account for the historical development of Europe and for the cultural traits and normative positions considered specifically European,
- be able to explain the concepts of identity and identity construction as well as how they are manifested in present-day Europe,
- be able to analyse the processes that shape European identity and relate them to national, regional and local identity processes,

Competence and skills

- be able to summarise, interpret and critically review scholarly work on European cultures, values and identities,
- be able to independently carry out information searches on the subject and, using relevant sources, write a research essay on European cultures, values and identities,
- be able to present, in a professional manner and within specified time limits, his or her knowledge and research findings, orally and in writing, to different kinds of audiences, such as colleagues, conference participants, potential employers etc,

Judgement and approach

- be able to critically apply different definitions of European cultures, values and identities to concrete cases in the course literature or the mass media,
- be able to conduct a critical, scholarly discussion of the cultural traits and values which, in contrast to other traits and values, are deemed specifically European.

Course content

On the basis of theory and empirical data, the course provides a study of the concept of Europe and the historical, cultural and normative development of the continent. Among the subjects studied are the processes and values usually defined as specifically European, such as humanism, the Enlightenment, the idea of the inherent value of individual human beings, their rights and obligations and the normative definitions of liberty, tolerance and equality.

The course examines the growth of these values and ideas, compares them and their historical development and addresses the question of whether they are specifically European or not.

The course concludes with a debate on democracy, liberty, tolerance and the significance of these values in the intellectual tradition of Europe. Is the growth of these values a result of a specifically European cultural development or is it shared by other parts of the world or perhaps intrinsic to humanity per se?

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, compulsory seminars and consultations with a supervisor.

Assessment

Examinations take the form of oral presentations, compulsory seminars and a take-home exam.

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

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have 90 credits in Humanities or Social Sciences subjects.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in EUHR11, The Meaning of Europe: Culture, Values and Identity

Applies from H10

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