



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

EUHR14, European Studies: Theory and Methodology, 15 credits

Europastudier: Flervetenskapliga teorier och forskningsmetoder, 15 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by the pro-dean for first-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2011-04-15 and was valid from 2011-04-15, autumn semester 2011.

General Information

The course is normally part of the Master of Arts programme in European Studies at the Centre for Languages and Literature but, with the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be offered as a free-standing course or included as part of a professional degree.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

European Studies

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to account for contemporary theories of currents in present-day European society, politics, culture and mass media
- be able to situate an individual research project on the social, political and cultural situation of Europe in a wider research context

- be able to define and use fundamental concepts of qualitative research in the humanities and social sciences
- be able to identify the optimal methods for an individual research project on a European issue

Competence and skills

- be able to objectively discuss the planning and execution of a theoretically and methodologically well-founded research project on a European issue
- be able to critically review quantitative data in an individual research project
- be able to describe and analyse ethical issues in research
- be able to apply his or her methodological knowledge to identifying, describing, interpreting and discussing phenomena and issues related to Europe

Judgement and approach

- be able to demonstrate developed analytical skills through identifying and assessing problems of theory and method related to European issues
- be able to review and assess research articles on the basis of knowledge of theory and method in European studies
- be able to plan his or her further skills development in European studies.

Course content

The course includes lectures, seminars and a degree project.

The course is divided into three modules:

1. Theory of science overview, 5 credits,
2. Methodology, 5 credits,
3. Research design and source criticism, 5 credits.

The lectures and seminars present selected examples of central theories of history and cultural and social sciences, as well as examples of analytical applications of these theories. The course highlights theoretical approaches, research methods and considerations of research ethics enabling analyses of different issues in present-day Europe. The course also provides opportunities for discussion of the field studies and project work of the concluding semester. In order to ensure optimal and continuous learning of the material, the students will attend short weekly seminars and write assignments on the themes and study questions of the previous lecture.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and compulsory seminars.

Assessment

Module 1: Take-home exams (5).
 Module 2: Take-home exams (4).
 Module 3: Take-home exams (4).

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 passed the courses EUHR11 and EUHR12 or have equivalent knowledge.

Further information

1. The sub-course names in Swedish:
 1. Vetenskapsteoretisk översikt,
 2. Metodologi,
 3. Forskningsdesign och källkritik.

Subcourses in EUHR14, European Studies: Theory and Methodology

Applies from V11

1101 Theory and Methodology, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction