



School of Economics and Management

## NEKN71, Economics: Advanced Course in Economic Integration, 7.5 credits

*Nationalekonomi: Avancerad kurs i ekonomisk integration, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2011-06-07 and was last revised on 2023-12-12. The revised syllabus comes into effect 2023-12-13 and is valid from the spring semester 2024.

### General information

This is a single subject master course in economics belonging to the 'International Economics and Development Economics' specialisation. The course is optional within a number of master programmes at Lund University.

*Language of instruction:* English

Teaching may be in Swedish if all registered students have a good knowledge of Swedish.

*Main field of study*

*Specialisation*

Economics

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

### Learning outcomes

#### Knowledge and understanding

Students shall have an in-depth knowledge of:

- the methods available to evaluate economic integration,
- the current empirical situation regarding regional and multilateral integration including the trend towards disintegration and anti-globalization,
- a number of specific trade barriers, how they affect countries as a whole and how countries in turn can influence them through economic integration,
- the effect of economic integration within countries.

## Competence and skills

Students shall have the ability to independently analyse the impact of regional integration on a number of areas, as well as to acquire and critically assess reports and articles with empirical or theoretical studies of economic integration. Students shall also be able to discuss and present issues related to economic integration both orally and in writing, with a special focus on being able to explain the subject even to non-experts.

## Judgement and approach

Students shall have the ability to acquire and critically assess the quality of reports and analyses within the subject area, with a high degree of independence. Students shall also have the ability to account for different views on economic integration, including assessing whether a certain perspective builds on economic theory and/or empirical evidence, or if it is normatively based.

## Course content

The course treats both regional and multilateral integration, and the institutional and economic context in which they take place. For multilateral integration, the focus is on the challenges that the World Trade Organization (WTO) has been facing for many years, as well as the more current issues around balancing economic and non-economic goals. For regional integration, the focus is on non-tariff barriers to trade such as technical trade barriers and trade procedures, as well as the effects of trade integration within countries, such as on labour markets and the rise of populist political forces. An important theme for the course is also disintegration in various forms, both in terms of anti-globalization and economic nationalism, and in terms of using trade barriers as a tool of economic diplomacy, such as sanctions. The course finally includes a detailed overview of the empirical and partly theoretical methods for evaluating the effect of economic integration.

## Course design

1. Teaching: Tuition consists of lectures and exercises.

## Assessment

1. Examination: Examination consists of a written exam, home assignments and seminars. The written exam takes place at the end of the course. There will be further opportunities for the written exam close to this date.

2. Limitations on the number of examination opportunities: –

The University views plagiarism and other academic dishonesty very seriously, and will take disciplinary action against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specified period.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

## Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, E, D, C, B, A

1. Grading: Grade (Definition), Points or percentage out of maximum points, Characteristic

A (Excellent), 85–100, A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

B (Very good), 75–84, A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

C (Good), 65–74, The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

D (Satisfactory), 55–64, The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

E (Sufficient), 50–54, The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

U (Fail), 0–49, The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought. Students have to receive a grade of E or higher in order to pass a course.

2. Weighting grades from different parts of the course: –

3. Grading scales for different parts of the course: –

## Entry requirements

Students admitted to the Master Programme in Economics are qualified for this course. For other students, at least 90 ECTS-credits in economics are needed for admission to this course. These credits must include an intermediate course in economic integration, e.g. NEKH71 "Economic Integration", or an equivalent course.

## Further information

1. Transitional regulations: This course replaces NEKM43 "Advanced Course in Economic Integration".

2. Limitations in the period of validity: –

3. Limitations: This course may not be included in the same degree as NEK741 "Economic integration D" or NEKM43 "Advanced Course in Economic Integration".

4. Similar courses: –

5. Limitations in renewed examination: –