



Faculty of Social Sciences

## **STVP33, Political Science: Europe in International Politics, 15 credits**

*Statsvetenskap: Europe in International Politics, 15 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2011-11-08 to be valid from 2011-11-17, spring semester 2012.

### **General Information**

This is a Political Science course offered during the third term of the Master of Science (two years) in European Affairs. The course may also be taken as a single subject course in Political Science.

*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 shall:

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

have acquired comprehensive knowledge of research problems, theoretical traditions, methods and research results in the study of the EU as a foreign policy actor in the international system

#### **Competence and skills**

be able to independently formulate a relevant political science research question in the area covered by the course, and have the ability to theorise, generalise and discuss this problem in an abstract way

be able to design, execute and reflect on all stages of the research process in Political Science

be able to summarise, review, evaluate and criticise other studies of the EU as a foreign policy actor in the international system

be able to communicate the results of learning and research processes to different kinds of recipients within a given time frame, both in writing and orally

be able to follow the development of knowledge in the research area covered by the course, and master techniques for making proper academic references

have developed a critical attitude towards knowledge, learning, politics and society

be able to contribute to a common learning environment and to the group dynamic aspects of learning.

## Course content

The course explores, from both theoretical and empirical perspectives, the political role played by the EU outside its own borders, primarily as conducted through the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and the European security and defence policy (ESDP). Central topics include the particular workings of the CFSP system with regard to policy-making practices, bureaucratic impact, institutional power and member state influence, as well as the EU's capacity to formulate and carry out cohesive policies in areas related to diplomacy, security and civilian and military crisis management. Furthermore, the union's relations with, and influence on, other actors in the field – states as well as international and regional organisations – are discussed and analyzed. The course also covers the emerging effects on the international system as a result of the continued development of the EU as an unusual but ever more active member of the international community.

## Course design

The course consists of a combination of different teaching and learning activities. These include lectures, seminars and self-directed studies. Participation in seminars is mandatory.

## Assessment

Assessment is based on one or two individually written course paper(s), class presentations, and active participation in seminar discussions. In addition to the regular examinations two extra examinations will be organised each term.

*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 for the course the student must be admitted to the Master of Science (two years) in European Affairs. Students taking the course as a single subject course are eligible after passing courses of at least 150 higher education credits, including a Bachelor's degree essay in Political Science or Peace and Conflict Studies or the equivalent disciplines.

A high level of proficiency in the English language is necessary. (IELTS with a minimum of 6.0 (none of the sections under 5.0), or TOEFL with a minimum of 575p (internet based 90p) or having received a passing grade in English course B (Swedish secondary school) is required.

## Subcourses in STVP33, Political Science: Europe in International Politics

Applies from V12

1101 Course Paper, 15,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A