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Faculty of Social Sciences

## **STVP36, Political Science: Europe in Global Affairs, 15 credits**

*Statsvetenskap: Europa i globala relationer, 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 2016-12-14 to be valid from 2017-01-15, spring semester 2017.

### **General Information**

This is a Political Science course offered within 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**

- demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of research problems, theoretical traditions, methods and research results in the study of the EU in global affairs;

#### **Competence and skills**

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

- show ability to summarise, review, evaluate and criticise other studies of the EU in global affairs;

- show 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;
- show ability to contribute to a common learning environment and to the group dynamic aspects of learning;

### **Judgement and approach**

- have a critical attitude towards knowledge, learning, politics and society.

### **Course content**

The course explores, from both theoretical and empirical perspectives, the political, economic and legal role played by the European Union outside its own borders.

Central themes include

the EU's changing place and role in the global order,  
the evolution of the EU as a global actor,  
the EU's varying capacity to influence global trends and events, and the interplay between such trends and the preconditions for the global power potential of the EU,  
the EU's role in global political economy,  
the EU's role in international security management,  
the EU's relations with, and influence on, other actors in the field – states as well as international and regional organizations,  
other actors' perceptions of the EU as a global actor,  
links between internal and external policies of the EU.

### **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 two individually written assignments(s), class presentations, and active participation in seminar discussions. The two written assignments and the oral activities are each worth five credits.

In addition to the regular examinations two extra examinations will be organized 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.

The grade for the whole course is based on an average of the grade given for the two written assignments and the oral accomplishments (in which A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 4, and E = 1) divided by the number of credits for the two papers and the oral activities. In order pass the course the student must receive at least E for both the papers and the oral activities.

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, including at least 15 higher education points from courses specifically covering the political system of the European Union.

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 STVP36, Political Science: Europe in Global Affairs

Applies from V17

- 1601 Exam 1, 5,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1602 Exam 2, 5,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1603 Seminars, 5,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A