



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **EUHR14, European Studies: Theory and Methodology, 15 credits**

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

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### **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 last revised on 2016-02-24. . The revised syllabus applied from 2016-02-24. , spring semester 2016.

### **General Information**

The course is normally included in the Master of Arts (120 credits) programme in European Studies at the Centre for Languages and Literature but can be offered as a freestanding course subject to a special decision.

*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 students shall be able to

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- account for current theories about social, political, cultural and mass media tendencies in present-day Europe
- situate an independent research-related study focusing on social, political and cultural circumstances in Europe within a wider disciplinary context
- define and use basic concepts of qualitative research within the social sciences and humanities
- identify the most suitable methods for their own research projects related to European problem areas

### Competence and skills

- objectively discuss planning and implementation of a theoretically and methodologically justified research project linked to European problem areas
- critically review quantitative material in their research projects
- describe and analyse issues of research ethics
- use their knowledge of methodology to identify, describe, interpret and discuss European phenomena and issues

### Judgement and approach

- demonstrate a developed analytical ability by identifying and assessing issues of theory and methodology in areas associated with Europe
- use their knowledge of theories/methods within European Studies to review and assess research texts
- plan their own continuing professional development within European Studies

### Course content

Lectures and seminars present selected examples of key theories within history, cultural and social sciences, and cases of analytical applications of these theories. The course highlights theoretical approaches, research methods and considerations of research ethics that make it possible to analyse different problems in present-day Europe. The course also provides opportunities for discussions of the organisation of the studies, fieldwork and thesis work in the final semester. To ensure optimal and continuous learning of the material, the students will participate in short weekly seminars and produce written assignments based on the theme and discussion issues of the previous lecture.

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.

### Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and compulsory seminars (approximately 7).

### Assessment

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

*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.

For a grade Pass, the student must have been awarded this grade on all modules. For a grade Pass with Distinction, the student must have been awarded this grade on at least two of the three modules and a grade of Pass on the remaining module.

## Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed EUHR11 and EUHR12 or the equivalent.

## Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. Module titles in Swedish: 1) Vetenskapsteoretisk översikt, 2) Metodologi, 3) Forskningsdesign och källkritik.
3. 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.

## 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