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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

EUHR18, European Studies: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits

Europastudier: Examensarbete för masterexamen, 30 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2011-12-19 to be valid from 2011-12-19, spring semester 2012.

General Information

The course is a second-cycle course and the final component of the Master of Arts programme in European Studies.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

European Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the students shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give an in-depth account of issues, theories and methods in European studies focusing on humanities perspectives in European Studies research,
- be able to account for specialised methodology in the multidisciplinary field of European Studies,
- demonstrate an in-depth understanding of research communication so as to be able to follow the development of knowledge in European Studies,

Competence and skills

- be able to independently formulate a fundamental and relevant problem in European Studies, approach the problem theoretically and find appropriate methods for conducting an investigation of the problem,
- be able to integrate theory and empirical data critically and systematically,
- be able to communicate the results of learning and research processes in speech and in writing, in a scholarly appropriate manner and within stated limits of time and scope,
- be able to summarise, critically review and provide constructive feedback on the research processes and project reports of others,
- be able to participate in research and development work in European Studies or work independently in other professional contexts,

Judgement and approach

- be able to judge the relevance of different issues in the field of European Studies from scientific, social and ethical perspectives,
- be able to identify their need of further knowledge and take responsibility for developing their knowledge,
- be able to take a critical and scientific approach to knowledge, learning, politics, culture and society,
- be able to judge the potential and limitations of research, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it is used.

Course content

The course consists of an independent project in which the student independently designs and completes a research study of relevance to European Studies from a multidisciplinary perspective, combining theories and methods of the humanities and social sciences. The student shall independently formulate a research problem, select a suitable method, process extensive theoretical and empirical material and present the results in a written report. The research process is conducted in consultation with a supervisor appointed by the department. The supervisor is to provide constructive feedback on the design of the project but the student is responsible for the research process and the final report.

Course design

Teaching primarily consists of supervision conducted as individual discussions between supervisor and student, but supervision in groups may also take place. One compulsory seminar is also included in the course. However, the special character of project work means that the main activity of the course consists of the student's individual research effort.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a degree project which is defended at a public seminar. The student is also to critically review the degree project of a fellow student. Written instructions for both critical review and defence, based on the guidelines for Master's (120 credits) theses in the MA programme in European Studies, will be made available to the students well in advance of the seminar.

All degree projects that are passed at the faculties of Humanities and Theology are to be registered in LUP Student Papers. The student is responsible for ensuring that the version of the project that has been assessed and passed is uploaded as a PDF in LUP Student Papers. Only when this has been done may the lecturer register the grade for the project in LADOK.

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 following courses:

- EUHR11 The Meaning of Europe: Culture, Values and Identity,
- EUHR12 European Governance and Institutions,
- EUHR14 Project Management and Communication Strategies,
- EUHR15 Theory and Methodology.

The student must also have passed 30 credits of elective courses offered within the programme.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. 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. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in EUHR18, European Studies: Master's (Two Years) Thesis

Applies from V12

1101 Master's Thesis, 30,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction