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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

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2011-06-07 and was last revised on 2022-09-13. The revised syllabus applies from 2023-01-16, spring semester 2023.

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 studies

Economics

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Students shall have a deep understanding of the following:

- the issue of regionalisation versus globalization,
- the effects of deeper economic integration on industry location, competition and firm size, etc.,
- new issues of trade integration, such as various non-tariff barriers,
- the role of firms in the global economy.

Competence and skills

Students shall have the ability to independently:

- analyse the impact of regional integration on various issues,
- handle empirical material in an independent and critical manner,
- formulate theory-driven policy advice,
- discuss and analyse questions regarding economic integration both orally and in writing.

Judgement and approach

Students shall have the ability to pursue further studies in the subject and should be able to search for and evaluate information with a high degree of independence. Students shall also have the ability to acquire and critically assess the contents of reports and analyses within the subject area.

Course content

This course aims at a deeper understanding of international integration, qualifying the student to carry out advanced analysis involving economic integration issues. The course covers both theoretical and empirical questions about integration. The course focuses on the effects of deeper integration of markets and new issues of trade integration. It covers areas such as the effects of integration on localization of economic activity, on competition, and on operation of scale; the role of heterogeneous firms in the global economy; non-tariff barriers to trade, such as trade procedures and regulatory barriers; and economic integration of services, FDI and migration. The course also places a heavy emphasis on methodological issues, preparing students to conduct their own empirical assessments 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.

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.

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: –

Subcourses in NEKN71, Economics: Advanced Course in Economic
Integration

Applies from V12

1101 Advanced Course in Economic Integration, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A