



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 is an old version, approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2011-06-07 and was valid from 2011-06-07, autumn semester 2011.

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 is in English. (In some semesters the course can be taught in Swedish, see the appropriate application catalogue).

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

1. Knowledge and understanding

Students shall have a deep understanding of the following issues:

- the effects of regional integration on industry location and the changes in industrial location patterns in Europe,
- the effect of increased factor mobility on taxation and the desirability for tax harmonization in the European Union,
- the debate on regionalisation versus globalisation,
- the role for rules of origin in preferential trade arrangements and the restrictiveness of the rules imposed by the EU,

- the interaction between trade policy and competition policy,
- the objectives and mechanisms of the Common Agricultural Program (CAP) of the EU and its effects on income inequalities within as well as outside Europe.

2. Skills and abilities

Students shall have the ability to independently:

- analyse the impact of regional integration on various issues,
- evaluate different economic policy areas in the EU,
- handle empirical material in an independent and critical manner,
- formulate theory-driven policy advice,
- give an account of and discuss their knowledge using good written English or Swedish and improve their reasoning ability when debating controversial issues.

3. Applying knowledge and making judgements

Students shall have developed 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 developed the ability to individually write an essay at the master level and to perform qualified analytical work on a topic related to the course.

Course content

This course aims at a deeper understanding of international integration, qualifying the student to carry out advanced analyses involving economic integration issues. The course covers both theoretical and empirical questions about integration. While the focus of the intermediate course in economic integration is on negative integration, i.e. the reduction of trade impediments, this course focuses on positive integration, i.e. the creation of new instruments and institutions in order to strengthen integration. The course emphasises the effect of regional integration on industrial location, tax coordination, competition policy, agricultural policy, and trade policy.

No specific gender perspective is adopted in this course.

Course design

1. Teaching: Tuition consists of lectures.

Assessment

1. Examination: Examination consists of home assignments and obligatory seminars. Students must pass all home assignments. The average grade on all the assignments determines the final grade. All home assignments are given equal weight.

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.

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

At least 60 ECTS-credits in economics at the undergraduate level are needed for admission to all master courses in economics. To be admitted to this particular 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