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Faculty of Social Sciences

STVC70, Political Science: European Integration, 7.5 credits

Statsvetenskap: Europeisk integration, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2015-08-10 to be valid from 2015-09-01, autumn semester 2015.

General Information

This is a course in Political Science that is offered to first-cycle and exchange students at Lund University.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Political Science

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall demonstrate

Knowledge and understanding

- knowledge of the development of the European integration process and of policy-making in the European Union
- knowledge of research problems, theoretical traditions, and methods in the study of European integration and policy-making in the European Union

Competence and skills

- the ability to formulate a relevant research problem in the area covered by the course, and to theorise, generalise and discuss this problem
- the ability to present analysis in written and oral form that corresponds to academic standards

- the ability to take responsibility for their learning process throughout the entire course by engaging actively in group work, seminars and individual assignments.

Course content

The course explores the development of the European integration process. It addresses different theoretical traditions for explaining and understanding the integration process and such, as well as the policy-making process in the European Union (EU). The EU is related to other political entities, such as states and intergovernmental institutions, highlighting differences and similarities, and hence the uniqueness of the EU project. The course provides an overview of how the EU affects the member states. It also discusses the role of political parties and public opinion, at member state level as well as on the European level.

Course design

The course consists of a series lectures and seminars. Attendance at seminars is mandatory. Students who miss a seminar will have to make up for their absence by an assignment.

Assessment

Assessment is based on active participation in seminars and group work, and on an individually written course paper. In addition to the regular examination, two extra examinations will be organised each time the course is offered.

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. 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 have the equivalent of one year of coursework (60 credits) in Political Science.

Subcourses in STVC70, Political Science: European Integration

Applies from H15

1501 Course Paper, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A