



Faculty of Social Sciences

STVP32, Political Science: European Integration and Global Political Economy, 7.5 credits

Statsvetenskap: European Integration and Global Political Economy, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 2011-11-17, spring semester 2012.

General Information

This is a Political Science course offered during the second term of the Master of Science (two years) in European Affairs. The course may also be taken as a single subject course in Political Science.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Political Science

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, students shall:

Knowledge and understanding

- have acquired comprehensive knowledge of research problems, theoretical traditions, methods and research results in the study of the relationship between European integration and the global political economy

Competence and skills

- be able to independently formulate a relevant research question in the area covered by the course, and have the ability to theorise, generalise and discuss this problem in an abstract way

- be able to design, execute and reflect on all stages of the research process in Political Science
- be able to summarise, review, evaluate and criticise other studies of the EU in international political and economic affairs
- be able to communicate the results of learning and research processes to different kinds of recipients within a given time frame, both in writing and orally
- be able to follow the development of knowledge in the research area covered by the course, and master techniques for making proper academic references

Judgement and approach

- have developed a critical attitude towards knowledge, learning, politics and society
- be able to contribute to a common learning environment and to the group dynamic aspects of learning.

Course content

The course explores the role played by the European Union in the global political economy. To what extent does the EU influence the world economy, and to what extent do global economic conditions influence the institutional and political developments of the EU? The course offers analytical instruments and reviews a number of the approaches to the study of the interplay of economics and politics in the world arena. Of particular interest is the inherent tension between territorially bound political systems and an increasingly globalized economy. Central problem areas covered in the course include production, trade, finance, welfare, development and transition.

Course design

The course implies a combination of different teaching and learning activities. These include lectures, seminars and self-directed studies. Participation in seminars is mandatory.

Assessment

Assessment is based on individually written course papers, class presentations, and active participation in seminar discussions. In addition to the regular examinations two extra examinations will be organised each term.

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 be admitted to the Master of Science (two years) in European Affairs. Students taking the course as a single subject course are eligible after passing courses of at least 150 credits in fully completed courses, 90 of which – including a Bachelor's degree essay – is in Political Science or Peace and Conflict Studies.

Subcourses in STVP32, Political Science: European Integration and Global Political Economy

Applies from V12

1101 Course Paper, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A