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Faculty of Social Sciences

STVP34, Political Science: EU Law, 15 credits

Political Science: EU Law, 15 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

The course is offered during the first term of the Master of Science (two years) in European Affairs. The course aims to provide students with in-depth knowledge of the relationship between national and EU law and the functioning and impact of the internal market. Students will learn to interpret and apply legislation, and demonstrate their ability to identify legal issues, and independently assess current situations in the light of principles and legal practices.

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 demonstrate

Knowledge and understanding

a sound knowledge of the aspects of EU law covered by the course

an understanding of the social and political policy considerations that underpin the development, philosophy and processes of the EU

an understanding of the way in which EU membership affects the legal systems and substantive laws of the member states

Competence and skills

the ability to apply the legal principles studied to a range of complex EU law problems and draw well-supported conclusions

the ability to access, interpret and use Treaty articles and secondary legislation

the ability to analyse complex problems in the areas of EU law studied, and to identify the legal principles to be applied

the ability to communicate complex legal issues effectively, both orally and in writing, using the correct legal terminology.

Course content

The first part is an introduction to the institutional framework, the sources of the laws and the legislative process of the European Union. The first part also deals with the relationship between EU law and national law and the enforcement of EU law. The purpose of this part of the course is to provide the students with in-depth knowledge of the issues concerning the execution and enforcement of EU law and the exercise of authority against member states and private parties. It includes the EU rules in the EU Treaty and secondary legislation, which aim at securing a uniform and correct application of EU law.

The second part concentrates on central areas of the internal market – especially the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital, along with competition law and tax law.

Course design

The course is designed as a series of lectures, exercises and work with case law presentations.

Assessment

Examination is based on individual as well as group performance, via written exams, presentations and other mandatory activities.

In addition to the regular examinations two extra examinations will be organised each study year.

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 higher education credits, including a Bachelor's degree essay in Political Science or Peace and Conflict Studies or the equivalent disciplines.

A high level of proficiency in the English language is necessary. (IELTS with a minimum of 6.0 (none of the sections under 5.0), or TOEFL with a minimum of 575p (internet based 90p) or having received a passing grade in English course B (Swedish secondary school) is required.

Subcourses in STVP34, Political Science: EU Law

Applies from V12

1101 Course Paper, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A