



Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics
Department of Economics and Statistics

2NA061 Socio-Economics, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Socio-Economics, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Economics

Subject Group

Economics

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G2F

Date of Ratification

Approved by School of Business and Economics 2017-06-28
The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2017

Prerequisites

Economics 60 credits, including Mathematical Economics II 7.5 credits, Econometrics 7.5 credits, Intermediate Microeconomics 7.5 credits and Intermediate Macroeconomics 7.5 credits, and Statistics 15 credits or the equivalent. English B/English 6.

Objectives

After completed course, the student is expected to be able to:

- account for socioeconomic theories and research methods
- explain and critically assess contemporary research in socioeconomics as regards the appropriateness of methods applied and relevance and importance of the results reported
- discuss how social institutions affect economic organisations and the economic performance
- explain the main discrepancies and transformations in the architecture of the European welfare, employment and productive systems
- account for the intricate relationship between the productive, employment and industrial relations and social protection systems
- discuss and analyze the consequences and policy responses of major challenges, such as globalization and demographic changes, on the sustainability of our welfare state systems

Content

The course includes the following topics:

- major transformations and trends in modern economies

- welfare states structure: a European perspective
- determinants and role of social institutions
- employment systems and working time regimes
- industrial relations, bargaining systems and wage formation
- transitional labour market approach and concept of flexicurity
- varieties of capitalism

Type of Instruction

Lectures and seminars. Obligatory parts are stated in the schedule.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

The course is assessed by the writing of an essay, oral examination, active participation in seminars, including oral presentation of the essay.

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that will result in a pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as fail.

After each regular examination there will be at least one new examination in close proximity to the date the results of the regular exam were posted. A minimum of five occasions for written exams will be offered in relation to the syllabus to which the student was accepted. Usually three occasions per academic year are offered. Students that fail reports can complement after instructions from the examiner to obtain a pass grade.

Grading criteria for the A–F scale are communicated in writing to the student by the start of the course/module at the latest, as well as how grades on separate elements of examination are weighed to a final course grade.

Course Evaluation

During the implementation of the course or in close connection to the course a course evaluation is to be carried out. Result and analysis of the course evaluation is to be presented as feedback both to the students who have completed the course and to the students who are to participate on the course the next time it is offered. The course evaluation is to be carried out anonymously.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: The course overlaps 2NA010 and 1NA004:8 with 100 % each.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Amable, B. *The Diversity of Modern Capitalism*. Oxford University Press. Latest edition. About 310 pages.

Anxo, D., Bosch, G. & Rubery, J. *The Welfare State and Life Transitions - A European Perspective*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd. Latest edition. About 315 pages.

Esping-Andersen, G. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Polity Press. Latest edition. About 250 pages.

Scientific Articles and other material. About 250 pages.