



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Political Science

1SK112 EU-politik, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
European Union Politics, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Political Science

### **Subject Group**

Political Science

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G1F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2014-10-01

Revised 2016-04-13 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Revision of literature

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2017

### **Prerequisites**

A minimum of 30 ECTS credits in Political science, or 30 ECTS credits in other related social science subjects.

## Objectives

On successful completion of the module, the student should be able to:

- Explicate the EU-institutions and the decision making procedures
- Account for the EU's key policy areas
- Explain how the EU's political system of separation of power and democracy can be discussed
- Illuminate the EU's political system from a historical perspective
- Conduct a political analyses of EU-politics.

## Content

The course gives a broad overview of European Union Politics and its political system. It includes the origin and the historical development of the EU, the EU-institutions and decision procedures, key policy areas, separation of power between the EU and the member states, and the EU's foreign relations, including enlargement and neighborhood policy. Finally, contemporary issues of the European Union are discussed.

## Type of Instruction

The teaching methods consist of lectures and seminars.

## Examination

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

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. To receive pass (E or higher) the student should reach all the course objectives. Examination consists of two seminars (20% of the total course grade) and one written test in the class room (80% of the total course grade). The final course grade is decided based on all exams on a 100-point scale, in which E is between 50-59 points, D 60-69 points, C 70-79 points, B 80-89 points and an A over 90 points.

### Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of Linnaeus University. The result of the evaluation will be reported back to students and will also be communicated the next time the course is held.

### Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 1SK198 and 1SK143.

### Other

Grade criteria for the A–F scale are communicated to the student through a special document. The student is to be informed about the grade criteria for the course by the start of the course at the latest.

### Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Cini, Michelle and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (latest edition). *European Union Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (496 pages).

European Union: official Documents, provided by the department through the LNU-web and <http://europa.eu/> (300 pages).

Additional scientific journal articles provided by the department through the LNU-web (200 pages).