



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2003/2004

## **GRA 5914 The Wider Europe: The European Economic Area , EU Enlargement and World Trade**

**Program**

N/A

**Responsible for the course**

Nick Sitter

**Department**

Public Governance

**Term**

According to study plan

**ECTS Credits**

6

This is the School's third of three more advanced European Union course. It requires some previous knowledge of the European Union, by way at least one of GRA 5912 *the New Europe: EU Institutions and the Single Market* or GRA 5915 *EU Policy: Competition Policy and Regulation* . Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis, particularly for students that have attended equivalent courses elsewhere. The course may be taken as one of four courses in the Minor on the European Union. The focus is on lobbying in the EU.

**Objective**

This course assumes some knowledge of the workings of the European Union. It provides in-depth analysis of the wider EU, with the main focus on EU enlargement, the European Economic Area and Norway's changing links with the EU, and the external dimension of European integration. It covers the development of Norway's participation in European integration and globalisation, through the European Economic Area and other international agreements, and the EU's process of enlargement to East Central Europe. It addresses current debates and controversies related to the widening of the EU and the EU's relationship with Norway and the rest of the world through organisation such as the WTO, and will include some case studies. Evaluation is by way of a final written examination. The course is designed as a component in the four-course EU Minor, which includes the introductory course on EU Institutions & the Single European Market and advanced courses on EU policy & regulation and lobbying, but it may be taken as a stand-alone course.

**Prerequisites**

The course assumes some knowledge of the workings of the EU (for example through GRA 5912: *the New Europe*) , but does not carry any formal prerequisites.

**Compulsory literature**

Given the nature of the subject and the importance of up-to-date material a Compendium of Recent Journal Articles is more appropriate as compulsory literature than any monograph or edited volume.

**Recommended literature**

Arnull, Athony and Daniel Wincott, eds. 2002. *Accountability and Legitimacy in the European Union* . Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Bulmer, S. and A. Scott. Forthcoming. *European Union: Economics, Policy and Politics* . London: Macmillan Palgrave.

Emerson, Michael, Marius Vahl and Stephen Woolcock. 2002. *Navigating by the Stars: Norway, the EEA and the EU* . Brussels, Centre for European Policy Studies.

Henderson, Karen, ed. 1999. *Back to Europe: Central and Eastern Europe and the European Union* . London: UCL Press.

Dillon, Sara. 2002. *International Trade and Economic Law and the European Union* . Oxford: Hart Publishing.

In preparation (Forthcoming) *Enlarging the European Union* , London: Macmillan Palgrave

**Course outline**

The course is designed to provide students with tools and frameworks for analysing Norway's relationship with the EU and international free trade regimes: the workings of the European Economic Area, the dynamics and challenges associated with EU enlargement, and globalisation. The seminar topics include the EEA system, Norway's participation in the Single European Market, her participation in other EU initiatives, Norwegian business and industry and free trade regimes; the EU's relationship with other international organisations, the enlargement process, and the new members' impact on and adaptation to the EU.

**Computer-based tools**

None

**Course structure**

36 hours.

**Evaluation**

Final 3 hours written examination at end of term

**Evaluation code(s)**

GRA 59141

**Aids at the examination**

All

**Makeup exam**

At the next regular exam