



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2004/2005

GRA 5914 The Wider Europe and Global Politics: The European Economic Area , EU Enlargement and World Trade

Program

Bachelor of Science in Business (3. year), Master of Business and Economics Program, Bachelor of Science in Business (3. year), Master of Science in Business, Bachelor of Science in Business (3. year), Master of Science in Management, Bachelor of Science in Business (3. year), Specialization Course

Responsible for the course

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Department

Public Governance

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

This is the School's second European Union course. It requires no previous knowledge of the European Union. The course may be taken as one of four courses in the Minor on the European Union. The focus is on EU enlargement, the EU's relations with Norway and the EU's role in global politics and world trade.

Objective

This course addresses the wider EU that is brought about by enlargement to 25 member states in May 2004; the EU's relationship with Norway; and the EU's role in global politics in general and world trade in particular. 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/free trade. 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

None

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

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

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

Baylis, John & Smith, Steve. 2001. *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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

In preparation (Forthcoming): Allen, D. and G. Edwards. 2004. *External Economic Relations of the European Union*. London: Macmillan Palgrave.

Reference will be made to recommended book chapters and articles available electronically and/or in the library

Course outline

The seminar topics cover the EEA system, the dynamics and challenges of EU enlargement, and the EU's relationship with other international organisations. The first section of the course focuses on the European Economic Area and Norway's changing links with the EU, her participation in the Single European Market and in other EU initiatives, and Norwegian business and industry. The second section addresses EU enlargement and the Union's relations with its southern and eastern neighbours, and it covers both the EU's adaptation to enlargement and the new member states' adaptation to the EU. The third and final section covers the EU's role in global politics, with particular focus on free trade regimes (the WTO) and the relationship with the USA.

Computer-based tools

None

Course structure

36 hours.

Evaluation

Final 3 hours written examination at end of term

Evaluation code(s)

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Aids at the examination

Bilingual dictionary

Makeup exam

Next time the course is offered