



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2005/2006

SIV 2559 European Union Politics: EU Institutions and the Single Market

Program

Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics (3. year)

Responsible for the course

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Department

Public Governance

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

This is the School's undergraduate course in the political economy of the European Union. It requires no previous knowledge, but students are assumed to have completed ORG 2211 (Bedrift og Samfunn II) or an equivalent course. The course offers an introduction to the EU's history and institutions, focusing on the Single European Market in particular and addressing Norway's relationship with the EU.

Objective

This course provides an introduction to the political and economic system of the European Union. It is designed to provide students with tools and frameworks for analysing the impact of the current process of closer economic integration and the constitutional development of the European Union. The course covers the evolution of European integration up to and including the current constitutional reform. It provides an introduction to the institutions of the EU the decision making processes, including a 'firms-eye' perspective on European integration. The core theme is the development of the internal market in Europe (the completion of the Single European Market), and the course also addresses Norway's participation in this process. Associated topics include Economic and Monetary Union, EU regulation and competition policy, economic and industrial policy and lobbying; as well as cooperation in the Common Foreign and Security Policy and with respect of the Area of Freedom Security and Justice (police cooperation, counterterrorism etc). The course is designed as a complete stand-alone course.

Prerequisites

None.

Compulsory literature

Books:

Nugent, Neill. 2003. The government and politics of the European Union. 5th ed.. Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan

Peterson, John and Michael Shakleton, red.. 2002. The Institutions of the European Union. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Other:

Compendium of Recent Journal Articles

Recommended literature

Books:

Andersen, Svein S. and Kjell A. Eliassen, red.. 2001. Making policy in Europe: the Europeification of national policy-making. 2nd ed.. London: Sage

El-Agraa, Ali M., red. 2004. The European Union: economics and policies. 7th ed.. Harlow: Prentice Hall/Financial Times

George, Stephen and Ian Bache. 2001. Politics in the European Union. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Hix, Simon. 2005. The Political system of the European Union. 2nd ed.. New York : Palgrave Macmillan. (the 1999 edition is also very good)

Other:

Individual journal articles and book chapters available in the library and/or electronically will be recommended as further reading

Course outline

1. The EU political and economic system, including the history of the EU and explanations of European integration and policy making.
2. Norway's participation in European integration: the relationship between the EU and EFTA countries and the operation of the European Economic Area and Schengen.
3. The European institutions: the Council of Ministers, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the European Parliament; and decision making procedures; the same topics for the EEA institutions.
4. The Single European Market and related market regulation: competition policy, company rules, and social and environment policies; Economic and Monetary Union
5. Developments in justice and home affairs, including police cooperation, counter-terrorism; and security, defence and foreign policy, including the EU-NATO and EU-US relationships.
6. Current developments in constitutional, institutional and treaty reform: the Convention and Intergovernmental Conferences; enlargement of the EU and relationship with neighbouring states.

Computer-based tools

None.

Course structure

The course is based on 36 teaching lecture hours

Evaluation

A three hour individual written exam concludes the course.

Evaluation code(s)

SIV 25591 - written exam, count 100% to obtain final grade in SIV 2559 European Union Politics: EU Institutions and the Single Market, 6 credits.

Aids at the examination

None

Makeup exam

Next time the course is offered.