



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

ELE 3722 EU, the Internal Market and the EEA

Programme

Responsible for the course

Department

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

7,5

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Introduction

This course provides a thorough introduction to the EU's institutional structure and functioning. EU, the Internal Market and the EEA are key concepts for understanding Europe's development in recent years. More and more areas of policy and trade are affected by EU regulations, which also applies to Norway through the EEA Agreement. The course focuses in part on the EU institutions and decision-making, EU lobbying, the internal market, the EEA, the Economic Monetary Union, and EU foreign policy.

Learning outcome

Acquired Knowledge

Students will gain a basic understanding of EU politics and its influence on the nation state. Important learning is how the EU operates as an international organization on both the political and economic level. Large parts of Norwegian industry and public sector are directly or indirectly affected by the EU, even without membership. The goal is that students will acquire specific knowledge about how Norway is influenced by the EU, with the advantages and disadvantages there are to remain outside such a cooperative organization.

Acquired Skills

Students will gain a clear understanding of how various nations' politics and economics can have a decisive impact on each other. This is a complex system that takes place at several levels, both national, international and transnational. Norway is heavily dependent on following the guidelines outlined in the EEA Agreement, with regard to economic cooperation and also to a larger extent political issues.

Reflection

Students will be trained to understand the importance of international organizations that have a daily influence on our own political and economic systems, and thus how other nations are helping influence our attitudes and general value system

Prerequisites

The course makes no specific prerequisites, and is suitable for all student groups

Compulsory reading

Books:

Peterson, John and Michael Shackleton, eds. 2006. The Institutions of the European Union. 2nd ed. Oxford : Oxford University Press

Other:

Diverse artikler og annet vil bli delt ut i forbindelse med forelesning.

Recommended reading

Course outline

- The new Europe - EU's history
- EU Institutions: the Commission
- EU Institutions: the Council of Ministers

- EU Institutions: the Parliament
- The EU legislation process
- EU after Lisbon
- EU Lobbying
- EU internal market
- EEA
- EU ICT policy
- EU energy and environmental policy
- EU foreign policy
- The euro
- Business cases
- The future of the European Union

Computer-based tools

Data Tools will not be used in this course

Learning process and workload

Recommended workload in hours

Activity	Hours
Participation at lectures	45
Preparations for lectures	45
Readings and self study	107
Exams	3
Total recommended time use	200

Use of hours

Aktiviteter: tidsbruk i timer:

- LecturesForelesninger 45 timer

Totalt

45 timer

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Examination

A three hour individual written exam concludes the course.

Examination code(s)

ELE 37221 – written exam which accounts for 100% of the grade in the course ELE 3722 EU, EØS og Norge - 7.5 credits.

Examination support materials

None.

Re-sit examination

At the next ordinary exam

Additional information