



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012

ELE 3722 EU, the Internal Market and the EEA

Programme

Elective

Responsible for the course

Department

Department of Accounting - Auditing and Law

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 at both the political and economic level. Large parts of Norwegian industry and the public sector are directly or indirectly affected by the EU, even without Norway being a member. The goal is that students will acquire specific knowledge about how Norway is influenced by the EU, with the advantages and disadvantages related to non-membership in 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 exists at several levels, nationally, internationally and transnationally. Norway is heavily dependent on complying with the rules provided in the EEA Agreement with regard to economic cooperation and, even 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

No specific prerequisites are required, and the course is suitable for all student groups.

Compulsory reading

Books:

Cini, Michelle and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borraran. 2010. European Union politics. Oxford University Press. Ikke kapittel 2, 11, 21, 25 og 26
Claes, Dag Harald og Førland, Tor Egil. 2010. EU : mellomstatlig samarbeid og politisk system. 3. utg. Gyldendal akademisk. Ikke kap. 3, 4 og 5. Tidl. utg. med tittel: Europeisk integrasjon

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 legislative process
- EU after Lisbon
- EU Lobbying
- The EU internal market
- The 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 in lectures	45
Preparations for lectures	45
Readings and self study	107
Examinations	3
Total recommended use of time	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 examination, which accounts for 100% of the grade in the course ELE 3722 EU, the Internal Market and the EEA - 7.5 credits.

Examination support materials

No support materials allowed.

Examination support materials at written examinations are specified under exam information in our web-based Student Handbook. Please note the use of calculator and dictionary.
<http://www.bi.edu/studenthandbook/examaids>

Re-sit examination

A re-sit is offered in connection with the next scheduled course.

Additional information