



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/2014

## ELE 3722 EU, the Internal Market and the EEA

### Programme

Elective

### Responsible for the course

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### 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. 2013. European Union politics. 4th ed. Oxford University Press. Ikke kapittel 2, 11, 21, 25 og 26

Claes, Dag Harald og Tor Egil Førland. 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
<b>Total recommended use of time</b>	<b>200</b>

### Use of hours

45 hours - Lectures  
45 hours total

### 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