



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/2015

ELE 3723 Political Governance

Programme

Elective

Responsible for the course

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Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

7,5

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Introduction

The aim of the course is to give a general idea of the public sector's role in a market economy, with a particular emphasis on democratic decisions with a view to rectifying various forms of market failures. A particular focus is placed on the government's responsibility for health and welfare systems as developed in the Scandinavian welfare model.

Learning outcome

Acquired knowledge

The students shall gain a basic understanding of the reasons for public involvement and how it affects private market players. The students shall also acquire concrete knowledge of public involvement in financial policy, monetary policy, pension fund management, regional policy and business policy.

Acquired skills

The students shall acquire concrete knowledge on how many social policy goals are best achieved through an interaction between government intervention and market economy dynamics. They shall also learn how both the government and the market have advantages as well as shortcomings - and that it is necessary in public governance to constantly reform policy instruments.

Reflection

The students shall develop a balanced view of the relationship between government and the market and train their ability to distinguish between value-based and scientific views of how society develops. They shall also develop a good understanding of how good solutions often are compromises involving democratic decision-making processes, market economic efficiency and social justice.

Prerequisites

No particular prerequisites are required.

Compulsory reading

Books:

Røste, Ole Bjørn. 2013. Økonomi og politikk for samfunnsvitere. Gyldendal akademisk. Revidert utg. av Politikk og økonomi : for statsvitere
Sørensen, Rune J. 2009. En effektiv offentlig sektor : organisering, styring og ledelse i stat og kommune. Universitetsforlaget. 9-148

Recommended reading

Course outline

- The reasons for a public sector
- Governance failures and inefficiency in the public sector
- Public ownership and management
- Theoretical models for public policy studies
- Growth in public spending
- Macroeconomic policy
- Government, market and the good society

Computer-based tools

No computer-based tools are used in this course.

Learning process and workload

Learning process

The course consists of 45 hours with a combination of lectures, teamwork and feedback on an individual hand-in assignment (term paper). The teamwork consists of work on a concrete case and subsequent presentation in class.

The term paper is mandatory and is an essay on a topic of one's own choosing that relates to one of the main topics of the course. A three-hour written exam concludes the course.

Recommended workload:

Activity	Hours
Lectures and teamwork	45
Preparation for lectures and teamwork	90
Own work on term paper	62
Written exam	3
Total recommended workload	200

Use of hours

Lectures 45 hours

Examination

The grade in the course is based on the following activities and weighting.

Part 1 - Individual term paper over four (4) weeks which accounts for 50% of the grade

Part 2 - Three-hour individual written exam which accounts for 50% of the grade

Both elements must be passed in order to be awarded a final grade in the course.

Examination code(s)

ELE 37231 - Term paper which accounts for 50% of the grade in the course ELE 3723 Political governance, 7.5 ECTS.

ELE 37232 - Written exam which accounts for 50% of the grade in the course ELE 3723 Political governance, 7.5 ECTS.

Examination support materials

All aids are allowed in the term paper

No aids are allowed in the written exam.

Examination support materials at written examinations are explained under examination information in the student portal @BI. Please note use of calculator and dictionary. https://at.bi.no/EN/Pages/Exa_Hjelpemidler-til-eksamen.aspx

Re-sit examination

A re-sit is held in connection with the next scheduled course. A re-sit is possible for one of the evaluation elements if necessary.

Additional information