



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

EXC 2901 Norwegian Culture and History - An Introduction

Programme

Exchange Program

Responsible for the course

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Department

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Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

7,5

Language of instruction

English

Introduction

The purpose of the course is to give the students an insight into Norwegian history, culture and society with an emphasis on politics and economics from 1814 until today. Norwegian culture means culture in a traditional sense, with in-depth studies of selected topics such as literature, music, architecture and painting. There will also be excursions to Norwegian cultural heritage sites.

Learning outcome

Acquired knowledge

- Attain a basic familiarity with Norwegian history, culture and society
- Attain knowledge of the Norwegian democratic tradition in politics and business
- Appreciate the significance of Norwegian cultural heritage in both national and international contexts
- General understanding of the history and current state of Norwegian business, with an emphasis on state ownership and the petroleum economy

Acquired skills

- Ability to analyze the relationship between economic and political development in Norway
- Ability to give presentations about history, politics and culture

Reflection

- Develop an awareness and understanding of the principles and institutions of democracy
- Ability to analyze the ramifications of global developments at the national level

Prerequisites

No particular prerequisites.

Compulsory reading

Books:

Stenersen, Øivind, Ivar Libæk. 2007. The history of Norway : from the Ice Age to today. New ed. Dinamo forlag

Book extract:

Sejersted, Francis. 2001. Capitalism and democracy : a comparison between Norway and Sweden. I: Byrkjeflot, ... [et al.], eds: The Democratic challenge to capitalism : management and democracy in the Nordic countries. Fagbokforlaget. s. 87-119

Articles:

Engen, Ole Andreas. 2007. The development of the Norwegian Petroleum Innovation System : a historical overview. Finnes elektronisk på: <http://www.sv.uio.no/tik/InnoWP/EngenTIKpaper%20WPready.pdf>

Teigen, Mari. 2008. Women in decision-making : the Norwegian paradox. <http://www.samfunnsforskning.no/Publikasjoner/Papers/2008/2008-002>

Other:

Lyngnes, Sølvi, red. 2016. Articles: Norwegian culture (Provided on Itslearning)

Recommended reading

Books:

Danielsen, Rolf ... [et al.]. 1995. Norway : a history from the Vikings to our own times. Scandinavian University Press

Nilsen, Dag Viggo, Kjersti H. Johnsen, eds. 2000. Facts about Norway. 25th ed. Schibsted

Course outline

- The course consists of the following topics:
- Introduction (1 hour)
- Norwegian History: 800-1800
- Norwegian History: 1814-1945
- Norwegian History: 1945-1970
- Norwegian History: 1970- present day
- Cultural- Cultural history: the national project
- Cultural - Literature
- Cultural - Paintings and art
- Cultural - Architecture and design. Film and theatre.
- Norwegian Business and Economic History -in an international perspective
- Norway's oil economy
- Gender Equality in Norway
- Conclusioin (2 hours)

Computer-based tools

No specified computer-based tools are required.

Learning process and workload

The course is based on 36 hours of lectures. The teaching will be a combination of lectures, group work, excursions and student presentations. Students are expected to be well prepared for the teaching sessions, as active participation is necessary.

Students must either have handed in individual assignments or made a group representation.

Recommended workload in hours

Activity	Hours
Participation in class	36
Preparation for class	36
Prepare presentation/paper	10
Individual study	110
Exam and preparation for exam	8
Total recommended time use	200

Use of hours

36 hours - Lectures (Classroom)

5 hours - Supervision of groups (Local Process)

4 hours - Administration / excursions / feedback on assignments (Other)

45 hours Total

Examination

A three (3) hours individual written exam that concludes the course.

Examination code(s)

EXC 29011 - Written exam, counts 100% to obtain final grade in EXC 2901, 7,5 credits.

Examination support materials

No support materials are allowed except a bilingual dictionary.

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 exam in the course.

Additional information