



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

EU2420 Internship for the Masters Programme in European Studies, 30 credits

Praktik för Master programme in European Studies, 30 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Faculty of Social Sciences on 2018-05-17 and was last revised on 2023-06-20 by Department of Political Science to be valid from 2023-08-28, autumn semester of 2023.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: Department of Political Science

Position in the educational system

The course is given within the Master's programme in European Studies (two year programme) and is offered as an optional course.

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Master's Programme in European Studies (S2EUS)

Main field of studies

European Studies

Specialization

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

Admission to the course requires the successful completion of a minimum of 15 credits as well as attending 15 credits courses in the Master's Programme in European Studies. Applicants must prove their knowledge of English: English 6/English B from Swedish Upper Secondary School or the equivalent.

Learning outcomes

A student who has passed the course will be able to:

Competence and skills

- apply knowledge from coursework to carry out independent and advanced tasks in an organization working with questions related to the education
- independently produce text in accordance with academic practice, including proper citation technique and use of references
- independently produce analytical work (in the form of e.g., written reports, presentations, videos, or other kind of media) of substantive relevance to the organization hosting the internship
- orally and in writing discuss, present, and assess the internship experience
- communicate proficiently in English both orally and in writing.

Judgement and approach

- communicate thorough reflections on how the education provided by the Master's Programme in Political Science has prepared the intern for the internship assignments
- communicate thorough reflections on how the internship experience has and can influence future career plans and professional direction
- communicate insights on how the internship has improved networking, organizational and communicative skills.

Course content

The course consists of a guided internship in an organization in Sweden or abroad, including the production of at least one work task of substantive relevance to the organization hosting the internship.

The assignments during the internship should be advanced in character and of relevance to the interns' education and career plans. The student is responsible for identifying, contacting, and making arrangements with the organization. Internship placement requires approval by the internship coordinator at the Department in Political Science in consultation with the course coordinator if needed in order to qualify for credits. There shall be an internship agreement defining the responsibilities of the intern and the internship organization shall provide an advisor for the intern.

Form of teaching

The teaching consists of a guided internship and a final internship fair, internship seminar or video presentation.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

Students will be examined based on their performance on the writing of an internship report discussing and assessing the internship experience, one or several work samples, a brochure and an evaluation form completed by the supervisor at the internship organization. In addition, the course is assessed by participation in an internship fair, seminar or by a video presentation. Detailed information about the assessments can be found in the course guide.

Students can be asked to re-work graded assignments and re-submit them. If the student does not re-submit the reworked assignment on time, the student will be failed on the assignment.

A student who is not able to attend a compulsory part of the course can do an alternative assignment. The assignment will be described in the course guide.

A student who has taken two exams in a course or part of a course without obtaining a pass grade is entitled to the nomination of another examiner. The student needs to contact the department for a new examiner, preferably in writing, and this should be approved by the department unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6 Section 22 of the Higher Education Ordinance).

If a student has received a recommendation from the University of Gothenburg for special educational support, where it is compatible with the learning outcomes of the course and provided that no unreasonable resources are required, the examiner may decide to allow the student to sit an adjusted exam or alternative form of assessment.

At least two occasions shall be offered the students to pass a course or part of a course (Chapter 6, Section 21 of Higher Education Ordinance).

In the event that a course has ceased or undergone major changes, students are to be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the ordinary examination session) over a period of at least one year, but no more than two years, after the course has ceased/been changed.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass (G) and Fail (U).

In order to pass the course (G), the student needs to pass all the assignments.

Course evaluation

The student will be given the opportunity to do a course evaluation. The results of and possible changes to the course will be shared with students who participated in the evaluation and students who are starting the course.

Additional information

Additional costs in relation to the internship are the responsibility of the student.

The Department of Political Science follows the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (UD) travel recommendations for traveling abroad. This means that if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises against (all or unnecessary trips) travel to a specific country, region or city, that advice applies to all study-related trips. Hence, a student will not be examined on the internship course if the student proceeds with an internship in a country/region/city that the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs advice against travel to, at the start of the course.