



STATSVETENSKAPLIGA INSTITUTIONEN

EU2340 Forskningsmetoder i Europakunskap, 15 högskolepoäng

Research methods for European Studies, 15 higher education credits

Avancerad nivå / Second Cycle

Fastställande

Kursplanen är fastställd av Samhällsvetenskapliga fakultetsnämnden 2011-09-28 och senast reviderad 2015-10-22 av Statsvetenskapliga institutionen. Den reviderade kursplanen gäller från och med 2016-01-18, vårterminen 2016.

Utbildningsområde: Samhällsvetenskapligt 100 %

Ansvarig institution: Statsvetenskapliga institutionen

Inplacering

The course Research Methods for European Studies, 15 higher education credits, is given within the Master programme in European Studies (two year program) and is a compulsory course. The course may also be taken as a free-standing course if space is available.

Kursen kan ingå i följande program: 1) Master's Programme in European Studies (S2EUS)

Huvudområde

Europakunskap

Fördjupning

A1F, Avancerad nivå, har kurs/er på avancerad nivå som förkunskapskrav

Förkunskapskrav

Students enrolled in the Master programme in European Studies (MAES) are eligible for *Research Methods for European Studies*. The requirement for admission to the course is completion of two core courses in the second cycle within the main field of study, European Studies, or two courses considered equivalent.

In addition, admission requires fluency in English. This requirement is filled if the language of an applicants undergraduate studies was English, or through English B level or English proficiency equivalent to the IELTS, TOEFL or TWE scores specified in the

Programme Description for the Master Programme in European Studies (see www.europastudier.pol.gu.se).

Mål

After completion of the course the student is expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- Understand the power and limitations of various research methods;
- Evaluate the validity and reliability of secondary data sources;
- Evaluate and independently design data collection methods such as surveys, field experiments and interviews.

Skills and abilities

- Evaluate, specify and test hypotheses and explanatory models;
- Understand and apply quantitative methods such as regression analysis.

Judgement and approach

- Identify and assess ethical issues related to research on human behaviour;
- Design and plan an independent research project using quantitative and qualitative methods.

Innehåll

The course presents and offers practical training in methodological approaches relevant to the field of European Studies. The course will begin with an exploration of issues of general relevance to empirical investigation in the social sciences, such as epistemology, research design, research ethics, and an overview of research methods. In the second part of the course, the focus will be on specific research methods, with a specialisation on either quantitative or qualitative research methods.

The course consists of both lectures as well as instructor led hands on training in the use of research methods. To the extent possible, course assignments employ data relevant to European policy issues in order to familiarize students with the potential and limitations of existing data.

Former för undervisning

Undervisningsspråk: engelska

Former för bedömning

Progress on the learning outcomes related to knowledge and understanding as well as those related to judgement and approach will be evaluated through written and oral assignments that entail, among other things, evaluating existing policy research and policy relevant data, as well as planning original data collection. Learning outcomes related to skills and abilities will be evaluated via written and oral assignments involving carrying out and presenting research results.

A student who has failed an assignment twice has the right to change examiner, if it is possible. A written application should be sent to the Department.

Betyg

På kursen ges något av betygen Väl godkänd (VG), Godkänd (G) och Underkänd (U). In order to receive a passing grade, students must complete and receive a passing grade on all obligatory assignments in the course. To obtain Pass with distinction the work of the student should show a very good grasp of the logic and concepts related to research methodology, and demonstrate an ability to apply these to research projects. Moreover, Pass with Distinction also requires that the students work demonstrates a good, independent analytical ability and written assignments fulfil high academic standards in terms of structure and language.

Kursvärdering

A written course evaluation will be conducted on the final day of the course. The results of the evaluation will be communicated to the students and will function as a guide for the development of the course. Any changes made in the course subsequent to students comments will be communicated both to previous and incoming students.

Övrigt