



GÖTEBORGS UNIVERSITET

SAMHÄLLSVETENSKAPLIGA FAKULTETSNÄMNDEN

EU2500, Examensarbete i Europakunskap, 30,0 högskolepoäng Master's thesis for European Studies, 30.0 higher education credits

Avancerad nivå/Second Cycle

1. Fastställande

Kursplanen är fastställd av Samhällsvetenskapliga fakultetsnämnden 2011-10-12 att gälla från och med 2012-01-19.

Utbildningsområde: Samhällsvetenskapligt 100 %

Ansvarig institution: Statsvetenskapliga institutionen

2. Inplacering

Master's thesis for European Studies, 30 higher education credits, is given within the Master Programme in European Studies and is a compulsory course.

Huvudområde
Europakunskap

Fördjupning
A2E, Avancerad nivå, innehåller examensarbete för masterexamen

3. Förkunskapskrav

För tillträde till kursen krävs

Students enrolled in the Masters Programme in European Studies are eligible for the Master's thesis for European Studies. The requirement for admission to the course is completion of a minimum one of the two core courses (15 hec) and one of the semi-elective courses (15 hec), and a research methods course (15 hec), or equivalent coursework.

4. Innehåll

Each student will formulate, plan and complete a Master's thesis in a given span of time. Writing the Master's thesis will develop students' ability to plan and manage large projects, and collect and analyze social science data to answer an original research question of relevance to European studies. Each student will be assigned a supervisor for the thesis work. Students will present and defend the thesis at a final seminar, as well as act as

a discussant on another student's thesis. In order to facilitate the aims and learning outcomes of the course, the course is organized around a series of working seminars, where students are expected to contribute both with their ideas and work with their own thesis, as well as with their comments on other students' work. The preparation and planning of the Master's thesis start during the fall semester.

5. Mål

After completing the course the students are expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- Understand and independently apply the requirements and standards of social science research in order to complete an original research project relevant to European studies;

Skills and abilities

- Independently plan, carry out, and present a medium-scale research project that meets academic standards of reliability, validity, originality, organization and effective communication;
- Creatively, critically and independently identify, formulate and delimit an original scientific question of relevance to European studies;
- Creatively and independently select an appropriate methodological approach to answer a specified social science question;
- Systematically and critically gather, compile empirical data and/or identify and evaluate existing empirical data;
- Determine whether the data are sufficient and appropriate to answer a research question and with what level of confidence;
- Communicate the results, orally and in writing, to different audiences;
- Complete assignments within given time limits;

Judgment and approach

- Critically evaluate the reliability of conclusions and findings of academic research and evaluations;
- Identify and critically assess ethical issues related to research on human behavior.

6. Litteratur

Students, in consultation with their advisor, select the literature necessary and appropriate in order to fulfil the aim of the thesis.

7. Former för bedömning

Progress on the learning outcomes will be evaluated through the Master's thesis as well as performance at the final seminar, in which students both present and defend their own work as well as thoroughly and constructively evaluate and comment on another student's thesis.

Student har rätt till byte av examinator, om det är praktiskt möjligt, efter att ha underkänts två gånger på samma examination. En sådan begäran ställs till institutionen och skall vara skriftlig.

In cases where a course has been discontinued or major changes have been made a student should be guaranteed at least three examination occasions (including the ordinary examination occasion) during a time of at least one year from the last time the course was given.

8. Betyg

Betygsskalan omfattar betygsgraderna Underkänd (U), Godkänd (G), Väl godkänd (VG).

To obtain the Pass grade the student must fulfill all the learning outcomes.

To obtain Pass with Distinction the thesis should be characterized by excellent theoretical, methodological and analytical qualities.

9. 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.

10. Övrigt

Undervisningsspråk: engelska.