



## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

### **EHG270 Capital and finance - economic and historic perspectives, 7.5 credits**

Kapital och finans - ekonomiska och historiska perspektiv, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
*First Cycle*

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#### **Confirmation**

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Economy and Society on 2019-05-14 and was last revised on 2023-05-23 to be valid from 2023-08-28, autumn semester of 2023.

*Field of education:* Social Sciences 100%

*Department:* Department of Economy and Society

#### **Position in the educational system**

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Bachelor Programme in Economic History and Human Geography (S1SAP)

#### *Main field of studies*

Economic History

#### *Specialization*

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

#### **Entry requirements**

At least 15 credits in social sciences subjects.

#### **Learning outcomes**

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

#### *Knowledge and understanding*

a - describe historical development in terms of capital and financial systems

#### *Competence and skills*

b - analyse financial crises in terms of course of events, crisis management and regulation

*Judgement and approach*

c - identify and independently discuss the relationship between capital and resource allocation in different historical contexts

The course is sustainability-related, which means that at least one of the learning outcomes clearly shows that the course content meets at least one of the University of Gothenburg's confirmed sustainability criteria.

### **Course content**

Which role does the distribution of capital play for the economic and social development of a society? Which role have financial markets and actors played for the emergence of modern capitalism? Why do financial crises occur, and how have financial markets been regulated historically? Course offer students tools to analyse these and other, questions that relate to capital and financial systems from a historical perspective.

The course analyses critical the phenomenon capital, how this has been analysed historically and which importance that the distribution of capital has for the development of a society. The course also covers the development of capital markets and financial instruments as well as the interplay between financial theory, regulation and market behaviours. The course focuses on periods and events that have produced debate and legislation with regard to the function and regulation of financial markets. Course give not only students an advanced historical framework but students may also training to identify, analyse and relate to capital and financial markets in a larger societal context.

### **Form of teaching**

The course is a distance course that is given digitally and the teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish and English

### **Assessment**

The course is examined through mandatory seminars and a final individual home exam.

The student who does not participates at compulsory seminars must make written supplementary assignments in mandatory time to pass the course.

If a student has failed the same examined element on two occasions and wishes to change examiner before the next examination session, such a request must to be

submitted to the department in writing, and it will be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

If the student has received a recommendation from the University of Gothenburg for special pedagogical support, the examiner can, in the event that it is compatible with the course's goals and provided that unreasonable resources are not required, decide to give the student an adapted examination or an alternative form of examination.

In the case where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, a student shall be guaranteed access to at least three examination sessions (including the regular examination session) during a period of at least one year, but at the most two years after the course has been discontinued/changed. In regards to internships/placements, the equivalent applies but limited to only one additional examination session.

### **Grades**

The grading scale comprises: Excellent (A), Very good (B), Good (C), Satisfactory (D), Sufficient (E) and Fail (F).

For a passing grade on the mug (A-E), passing results are required in both mandatory seminars and the take-home exam.

### **Course evaluation**

Course evaluation is carried out at the end of the course. Evaluation results and any changes in the course structure should be communicated to both the students who completed the evaluation and to the students who will start the course.

### **Additional information**

The course may not be included in a degree together with the course EHG201.