



Faculty of Social Sciences

## **SAMEA, Master of Science Programme in European Affairs, 120 credits**

*Masterprogram i European Affairs, 120 högskolepoäng*

*Second cycle degree programme requiring previous university study / Program  
med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå*

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### **Decision**

The programme syllabus is established by Pro dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences 14-03-2019 (U 2019/127) to be valid from 15-10-2019, autumn semester 2020.

### **Programme description**

The general aim of the Master of Science Programme in European Affairs is to provide the student with a broad, but advanced understanding of political aspects of European Affairs. The programme conveys a number of theoretical perspectives on and approaches to the European Union and European political issues. Studies carried out within the programme prepare the student both for a professional career as administrators or decision-makers in the public and private sectors at the local, regional, national or international levels, as well as for further academic studies at the doctoral level.

### **Goals**

Pursuant to the Higher Education Ordinance, for a degree of Master (120 credits and 60 credits respectively) the student shall:

### **Knowledge and understanding**

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of Political Science,

including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and

- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the field of Political Science.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of Political Science, including both an overview of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the field of Political Science.

### **Competence and skills**

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues autonomously as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or employment in some other qualified capacity.

### **Judgement and approach**

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the field of Political Science informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and

- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

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*In addition to the outcomes stated in the Higher Education Ordinance, for a degree of Master of Science (120 credits or 60 credits) in European Affairs the student shall:*

- be able to apply his/her knowledge and understanding, and problem solving abilities in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the field of study,
- have developed an understanding for perspectives coming from disciplines other than their own, and
- possess basic knowledge about scientific communication channels, be able to monitor the knowledge development within their field of study and command advanced referencing systems.

## **Course information**

The programme comprises a total of 120 credits divided into six courses of 15 credits each, or four courses of 15 credits and an internship of 30 credits, and a master's thesis of 30 credits.

The first semester begins with a course that introduces the students to the institutions and policy processes of the EU. This is followed by a course on political science methodology that provides the students with skills required for doing independent research.

The second semester consists of a course on EU law that covers the relationship between national and EU legislation, and the legal aspects of the internal market. This is followed by a course on the external relations of the EU and its role in global affairs.

The third semester consists of optional courses. The students can then choose to do an internship at a relevant workplace that is chosen together with the programme coordinator. They can also choose to follow regular master's courses at The Department of Political Science or some other department or university.

During the fourth and last semester students complete the programme with a written thesis, which provides the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of theories, methods and argumentation in the field of European Affairs.

The courses are studied in the following order:

- European Governance, 15 credits (first half of the first semester)
- Political Science Methodology, 15 credits (second half of the first semester)
- EU Law, 15 credits (first half of the second semester)
- The EU in Global Affairs, 15 credits (second half of the second semester)

- Internship or optional courses, 30 credits (the third semester)
- Master's Thesis, 30 credits (the fourth semester)

## Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) in European Affairs

Major: Political Science

*Filosofie masterexamen i European Affairs*

*Huvudområde: Statsvetenskap*

Degree of Master of Science (60 credits) in European Affairs

Major: Political Science

*Filosofie magisterexamen i European Affairs*

*Huvudområde: Statsvetenskap*

For a degree of Master of Science (120 credits) within the programme, the student must have passed the courses specified under "Course information" (or the equivalent courses at another higher education institution).

It is also possible to acquire a degree of Master of Science (60 credits) in European Affairs with a major in Political Science after completion of 30 credits of courses on European Affairs, 15 credits of courses on the research methods of the Social Sciences and a thesis of 15 credits.

## Requirements and Selection method

### Requirements

To be eligible for the programme the applicant must have the equivalent of a Swedish Bachelor's degree with a major (i.e. at least 90 ECTS credits) in Political Science or equivalent.

A good command of spoken and written English, equivalent to English 6/B (advanced) proficiency in the Swedish secondary system, is required. Equivalent assessments will be made according to national guidelines.

### Selection method

The applicant's estimated capacity to complete the programme is the major overall criterion for selection. Students are selected according to previous study results (grades on courses and thesis in the BA degree), statement of purpose, proficiency in English and an academic writing sample.

### Other information

The language of instruction and assessment is English.