



## FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

### **Master's Programme in European Studies, 120 credits**

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Programme code: S2EUS

*Second cycle / Avancerad nivå*

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#### **1. Confirmation**

This programme syllabus was confirmed by the Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 24-10-2018 (G 2018/616) and was last revised on 11-06-2020 (GU 2020/1640) to be valid from 01-10-2020, Autumn semester 2021.

*Responsible Department/equivalent:* Department of Political Science

***Participating Departments:***

Department of Economics

Department of Law

Department of Literature, History of Ideas, and Religion

Department of Sociology and Work Science

Department of Historical Studies

Department of Economy and Society

Department of Business Administration

Division of Environmental Systems Analysis, Chalmers

#### **2. Purpose**

The overall aim of the programme is to provide advanced knowledge and analytical skills relevant to different aspects of European development, with a special emphasis on the European Union enlargement and integration processes. The programme is inter- and multidisciplinary and addresses a broad range of topics within the field of European Studies including legal, political, economic, social, and cultural aspects of contemporary European development and integration, as well as its historical background. The programme will provide students with the knowledge and skills needed for both professional careers in and post-graduate research related to important European developments. The European enlargement and integration processes encompass not only activities at the supranational European level, but also how old and new member states and citizens are affected by the integration process, and how various actors (e.g. private companies, local/regional authorities, social movements) seek to influence or collaborate

with the European Union. The programme equips students with the analytical skills to assess European actors involved in the integration process, implications of EU policy, as well as to formulate strategies to operate effectively in the European arena.

The academic spirit of the programme is the creation of a critical stance, fostering of independent thinking as well as the promotion of an urge and an ability to formulate original questions rather than to convey ready-made answers. All courses of the programme are closely linked up with current research, with a special emphasis on multidisciplinary academic studies on European developments. Methodologically, the programme builds on a research-like approach implying the reading of research literature, own writing, problem solving, and oral presentations and discussions in the form of academic seminars.

### 3. Entry requirements

Eligible for the programme is one who has

#### *Social science track*

A Bachelor's Degree (180 credits) with a minimum of 90 credits of courses in social science discipline(s) such as Business Administration, Economic Geography, Economic History, Economics, European Studies, Human Geography, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Media and Communication, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Social Work, Sociology, or equivalent.

A Bachelor's Degree (180 credits) with a minimum 90 credits of courses in humanities discipline(s) such as Cultural Sciences, History, History of Ideas, Philosophy, Religious Studies, or equivalent.

Three years of studies (180 credits, equivalent of a Bachelor's Degree) at the Law, or equivalent.

Applicants must prove their knowledge of English: English 6/English B from Swedish Upper Secondary School or the equivalent level of an internationally recognized test, for example TOEFL, IELTS.

Any other entry requirements are documented in the respective course syllabus.

#### *Humanities track*

A Bachelor's Degree (180 credits) with a minimum of 90 credits courses in humanities discipline(s) such as Cultural Sciences, History, History of Ideas, Philosophy, Religious Studies, or equivalent.

A Bachelor's Degree (180 credits) with a minimum of 90 credits of courses in social science discipline(s) such as Business Administration, Economic Geography, Economic History, Economics, European Studies, Human Geography, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Media and Communication, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Social Work, Sociology, or equivalent.

A Bachelor's Degree in Languages (180 credits) if combined with 60 credits of courses within the above mentioned humanities or social sciences discipline(s), or equivalent.

Applicants must prove their knowledge of English: English 6/English B from Swedish Upper Secondary School or the equivalent level of an internationally recognized test, for example TOEFL, IELTS.

Any other entry requirements are documented in the respective course syllabus.

#### **4. Higher education qualification and main field of study**

This programme leads to a Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major in European Studies (Filosofie masterexamen med huvudområdet Europakunskap).

#### **5. Outcomes**

##### **General outcomes for Degree of Master (120 credits)**

###### *Knowledge and understanding*

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

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, 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 main field of study.

###### *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.

###### *Judgement and approach*

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

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study 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.

## 6. Content and structure

### Specialisations

(KONZ)	Double Degree Track with Konstanz University	Double Degree-Konstanz universitet	120 credits
(CHAP)	Double Degree-University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Double Degree-University of North Carolina och Chapel Hill	120 credits
(HUMA)	Humanities Track	Humanistiska spåret	120 credits
(SOCI)	Social Science Track	Samhällsvetenskaplig inriktning	120 credits

Each student take three compulsory core courses in European Studies, one semi-elective in-depth course in European Studies, one semi-elective course in research methods in European Studies, and one compulsory final master's thesis in European Studies. In addition to this, there are elective courses that allow students to specialize, which includes the opportunity to do internship a full or half semester.

The programme is a full-time programme.

For more information on each course: see the respective course syllabus.

See the programme structure below.

Please also see the appendix. MAES per semester 200529.

## 7. Guaranteed admission

Students admitted to the program have a general guaranteed admission to all compulsory courses within the programme provided that they 1) apply according to assigned administrative procedures, and 2) have completed the prerequisite courses. Students admitted to the program have limited guaranteed admission to the semi-elective and elective courses within the programme under the same conditions as above.

## 8. Transitional regulations

None.

## 9. Other information

- The programme is taught in English.
- The optional internship may take place at a location other than Gothenburg.
- Students will be required to pay their own expenses related to the optional internship.
- The Master's Programme quality assurance activities are guided by the Programme Board of the European Programme's quality assurance plan, which is prepared in accordance with the applicable Policy for the Quality Assurance and Quality Development of Education at the University of Gothenburg (Policy för kvalitetssäkring och kvalitetsutveckling av utbildning vid Göteborgs universitet).
- For courses included in the programme that is not organized by the Programme Board of the European Programmes, each individual department is responsible for quality assurance

activities.

<b>Master's Programme in European Studies – Social science track (MAES)</b>			
<b>Semester 1</b> Autumn	Core course: <b>EU2112 European heritage and Identity</b> (10 credits)	Core course: <b>EU2113 European integration: current research and theory</b> (10 credits)	Core course: <b>EU2122 Integrating European Market</b> (10 credits)
<b>Semester 2</b> Spring	Elective course within a social science discipline in Sweden or abroad* (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2430 Internship</b> (15 credits)	Elective course within a social science discipline in Sweden or abroad* (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2430 Internship</b> (15 credits)	
	<i>Or</i> <b>EU2420 Internship</b> (30 credits) <i>or</i> Elective course within a social science discipline in Sweden or abroad* (30 credits)		
<b>Semester 3</b> Autumn	Semi-elective in-depth course: <b>EU2220 Social Europe</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2210 European Environment and Energy</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2215 Europe in the World</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2131 Central- and Eastern Europe: fully European or the European other?</b> (15 credits)	Semi-elective methods course: <b>SF2323 Applied qualitative research methods, problems and design</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>SF2322 Applied Qualitative Research Methods</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>SF2324 Introduction to applied research design and quantitative research methods for social scientists</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>SF2321 Applied Statistical Analysis</b> (15 credits)	
<b>Semester 4</b> Spring	Thesis course: <b>EU2500 Master's Thesis for European Studies</b> (30 credits)		

\*Students may choose from a list (see the Degree Description). Exceptions need written approval from the Director of Studies.

<b>Master's Programme in European Studies - Humanities track (HMAES)</b>			
<b>Semester 1</b> Autumn	Core course: <b>EU2112 European heritage and Identity</b> (10 credits)	Core course: <b>EU2114 European Borderlands</b> (10 credits)	Core course: <b>EU2123 Political and Public Spheres and Spaces in European History and Culture</b> (10 credits)
<b>Semester 2</b> Spring	Elective course within a humanities discipline in Sweden or abroad* (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2430 Internship</b> (15 credits)	Elective course within a humanities discipline in Sweden or abroad* (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2430 Internship</b> (15 credits)	
	<i>Or</i> <b>EU2420 Internship</b> (30 credits) <i>or</i> Elective course within a humanities discipline in Sweden or abroad* (30 credits)		
<b>Semester 3</b> Autumn	Semi-elective in-depth course: <b>EU2220 Social Europe</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2210 European Environment and Energy</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2215 Europe in the World</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2131 Central- and Eastern Europe: fully European or the european other?</b> (15 credits)	Semi-elective methods course: <b>SF2323 Applied qualitative research methods, problems and design</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>SF2322 Applied Qualitative Research Methods</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>SF2324 Introduction to applied research design and quantitative research methods for social scientists</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>SF2321 Applied Statistical Analysis</b> (15 credits)	
<b>Semester 4</b> Spring	Thesis course: <b>EU2500 Master's Thesis for European Studies</b> (30 credits)		

\*Students may choose from a list (see the Degree Description). Exceptions need written approval from the Director of Studies.

## **Appendix 1. Alternative programme syllabus for the double degree option with University of Konstanz**

### **1. Entry requirements**

Eligible for the programme is the one who has:

- a Bachelor's degree of 180 credits, with a minimum of 90 credits in consecutive courses in a social sciences discipline or equivalent. Students at the Law programme are also eligible to apply to the Master's Programme, after three years (180 credits, equivalent of a bachelor degree).
- English proficiency, equivalent of English 6/English Course B.

Students admitted by the University of Konstanz to the double degree studies fulfill the requirements of English language proficiency at the University of Gothenburg after having completed the first year of study in Konstanz.

Any other entry requirements are documented in the respective course syllabus.

### **2. Higher education qualification and main field of study**

Anyone who has successfully completed the programme can apply for a diploma with the denomination *Degree of Master of Science (120 credit) with a major in European Studies* (Filosofie masterexamen med huvudområdet europakunskap) from the university of Gothenburg and a *Master of Arts in Politics and Public Administration* (Master i Politik och Offentlig Förvaltning) from the University of Konstanz.

### **3. Content and Structure**

The Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg and the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Konstanz, have agreed on a double degree master studies collaboration. The first year of study takes place in Konstanz and the second year of study takes place in Gothenburg according to the programme syllabuses and course syllabuses for the respective parties.

The master's programme consists of three compulsory and one elective core course in European Studies, one semi-elective and two elective in-depth in European Studies and two compulsory research methods courses. In addition to this the programme also includes two elective courses outside the main field of European Studies. The programme ends with a final compulsory master's thesis in European Studies.

The programme is a full-time programme.

For more information on each course: see the respective course syllabus.

See the programme structure below.



**Master's Programme in European Studies (MAES)  
Double degree option with Konstanz universitet**

<b>Semester 1</b> Autumn Konstanz	<p>Methods course: <b>Research design I</b> (9 credits)</p> <p><i>And</i></p> <p>Core course: <b>Basic seminar International Relations and European Integration</b> (7 credits)</p>	<p>Core course: <b>Basic seminar International Administration and Conflict Management</b> (7 credits) <i>or</i> <b>Basic seminar Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis</b> (7 credits)</p> <p><i>And</i></p> <p>Elective core course within the area International Relations and European Integration (7 credits)</p>
<b>Semester 2</b> Spring Konstanz	<p>Methods course: <b>Research design II</b> (9 credits)</p> <p><i>And</i></p> <p>Elective in-depth course within the area International Relations and European Integration (7 credits)</p>	<p>Elective in-depth course within the area International Relations and European Integration (7 credits)</p> <p><i>And</i></p> <p>Elective in-depth course from another area* (7 credits)</p>
<b>Semester 3</b> Autumn Gothenburg	<p>Semi-elective in-depth course: <b>EU2220 Social Europe</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2210 European Environment and Energy</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2215 Europe in the World</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2131 Central- and Eastern Europe: fully European or the European other?</b> (15 credits)</p>	<p>Core courses: <b>EU2121 European integration: current research and theory - second half</b> (5 credits) <i>and</i> <b>EU2122 Integrating European Market</b> (10 credits)</p>
<b>Semester 4</b> Spring Gothenburg	<p>Thesis course: <b>EU2500 Master's Thesis for European Studies</b> (30 credits)</p>	

\*The areas include: Comparative Politics, Policy analysis, International administration, Conflict management, and Management and Public administration.

#### 4. Other

- Regarding purpose, outcomes and guaranteed admission the same applies as for the regular programme syllabus above.
- The program is taught in English.
- The Master's Programme quality assurance activities are guided by the Programme Board of the European Programme's quality assurance plan, which is prepared in accordance with the applicable *Policy for the Quality Assurance and Quality Development of Education at the University of Gothenburg* (Policy för kvalitetssäkring och kvalitetsutveckling av utbildning vid Göteborgs universitet).
- For courses included in the programme that is not organized by the Programme Board of the European Programmes, each individual department is responsible for quality assurance activities.
- For courses in Konstanz, the University of Konstanz is responsible for the quality assurance activities.

## **Appendix 2. Alternative programme syllabus for the double degree option with University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

### **1. Entry requirements**

Eligible for the programme is the one who has:

- a Bachelor's degree of 180 credits, with a minimum of 90 credits in consecutive courses in a social sciences discipline or equivalent. Students at the Law programme are also eligible to apply to the Master's Programme, after three years (180 credits, equivalent of a bachelor degree).
- English proficiency, equivalent of English 6/English Course B.
- Fulfilled the requirements for TAM II on the Center of European Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (se <http://europe.unc.edu/transatlanticmasters>).

Students admitted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to the double degree studies fulfill the requirements of English language proficiency at the University of Gothenburg after having completed the first year of study in Chapel Hill.

Any other entry requirements are documented in the respective course syllabus.

### **2. Higher education qualification and main field of study**

Anyone who has successfully completed the programme can apply for a diploma with the denomination *Degree of Master of Science (120 credit) with a major in European Studies* (Filosofie masterexamen med huvudområdet europakunskap) from the university of Gothenburg and a *Master's degree in Political Science* (Master i statsvetenskap) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

### **3. Content and Structure**

The Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg and the Center of European Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, have agreed on a double degree master studies collaboration. The first year of study takes place in Chapel Hill and the second year of study takes place in Gothenburg according to the programme syllabuses and course syllabuses for the respective parties.

The master's programme consists of six compulsory core courses in European Studies, one semi-elective in European Studies and two compulsory research methods courses. In addition to this the programme also includes three elective courses. The programme ends with a final compulsory master's thesis in European Studies.

The programme is a full-time programme.

For more information on each course: see the respective course syllabus.

See the programme structure below.

<b>Master's Programme in European Studies (MAES)</b> <b>Double degree option with University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b> Autumn Chapel Hill	Core courses: <b>Poli745 Varieties of Democratic Capitalism in Europe and North America</b> (7 credits) <i>and</i> <b>Poli733 European Integration: Theories, Institutions and Decision-Making Processes</b> (7 credits) <i>and</i> <b>Poli882 US-EU Lecture Series</b> (3 hp)	Elective course (7 credits) <i>och</i> Methods course: <b>Poli788 Statistics and Data Analysis</b> (7 credits)
<b>Semester 2</b> Spring Chapel Hill	Elective courses: <i>Eg:</i> <b>Poli432 Comarative Tolerance*</b> (7 credits) <i>and</i> <b>Poli630 Political Contestation*</b> (8 credits)	Core course: <b>Poli490 EU Today</b> (7 credits)  <i>And</i>  Methods course: <b>Poli890 Statistics Sequence</b> (8 credits)
<b>Semester 3</b> Autumn Gothenburg	Semi-elective in-depth course: <b>EU2220 Social Europe</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2210 European Environment and Energy</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2215 Europa in the World</b> (15 credits) <i>or</i> <b>EU2131 Central- and Eastern Europe: fully European or the European other?</b> (15 credits)	Core courses: <b>EU2121 European Integration: Current research and Theory- second half</b> (5 credits) <i>och</i> <b>EU2122 Integrating European Market</b> (10 credits)
<b>Semester 4</b> Spring Gothenburg	Thesis course: <b>EU2500 Master's Thesis for European Studies</b> (30 credits)	

\*Electives, but recommended.

#### 4. Other

- Regarding purpose, outcomes and guaranteed admission the same applies as for the regular programme syllabus above.
- The program is taught in English.
- The Master's Programme quality assurance activities are guided by the Programme Board of the European Programme's quality assurance plan, which is prepared in accordance with the applicable *Policy for the Quality Assurance and Quality Development of Education at the University of Gothenburg* (Policy för kvalitetssäkring och kvalitetsutveckling av utbildning vid Göteborgs universitet).
- For courses included in the programme that are not organized by the Programme Board of the European Programmes, each individual department is responsible for quality assurance activities.
- For courses in Chapel Hill, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is responsible for the quality assurance activities.