

Syllabus

for course at first level

International Relations III
Internationella relationer III

**30.0 Higher Education
Credits**
30.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	EH1423
Valid from:	Spring 2015
Date of approval:	2012-09-05
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Department	Department of Economic History and International Relations
Main field:	International Relations
Specialisation:	G2E - First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree project for BA/BSc

Decision

This syllabus has been approved by the Board of the Department of Economic History.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

International Relations I and II, 60 hp, in addition to another 30 hp.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
0001	Theory and method in the study of international relations	7.5
0002	Literature course	7.5
0003	Essay and seminar course	15

Course content

The course begins with an in-depth study of theories and methods in the study of international relations and international political economy. The student may specialize in one of several selected research areas within the department's research profile, the same field of research in which the student later writes a dissertation. The course emphasizes on developing the student's ability to formulate own research problem in the subject of international relations. This means, among other things, formulate research design, conduct own scientific investigation, and present and defend the dissertation with peers. The course consists of the following modules:

Module 1: Theory and method in the study of international relations (7.5 credits). This module provides the necessary basic scientific and theoretical knowledge as well as insights into key theoretical and methodological approaches in the study of international relations and international political economy. The course also includes quantitative, qualitative and source critic exercises.

Module 2: Literature (7.5 credits). This module aims to give students a deeper understanding of a research topic and literature review in one of the areas of research in international relations and international political economy. The course is a preparation for the dissertation.

Dissertation writing(15 credits). This final module focuses on the production of scientific research report and sharpen the student's skills in academic writing and reporting. The seminars deal with step-by-step progression in dissertation work, methodological issues and the principles of academic disputation. The

course concludes with a defense of the dissertation and opposition of peer dissertations.

Learning outcomes

After the course the students should be able to:

- critically examine and relate theoretical and methodological issues in international relations and international political economy to dissertation,
- demonstrate knowledge of how historical processes can be investigated methodically and critically discuss the problems and prospects of selected approaches to historical and international studies,
- critically evaluate how the choice of research design, material and method enables or restricts the conclusions that can be drawn from a study,
- critically examine and analyze various theoretical and methodological approaches in scientific texts,
- independently set up a survey,
- write a dissertation that reflects knowledge and skills of the scientific methods and theories acquired during the whole education in international relations and international political economy,
- present and orally defend dissertation and oppose peer dissertation.

Education

Lectures, seminars, individual exercises and group work. Language of instruction is Swedish. Individual modules and lectures can be given in English.

Forms of examination

Interim

When the course is no longer offered or changed, the student has the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per term over a three-term period subject to availability of seat/place.

Required reading

See homepage: www.ekohist.su.se