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Department of Economic History and International Relations

Syllabus for course at advanced level Energy and Security Energi och säkerhet

Course code: Valid from: Date of approval: Department

Main field: Specialisation: EH1703 Autumn 2017 2017-03-28 Department of Economic History and International Relations

International Relations A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

180 ECTS credits, including 90 ECTS credits in Economic History, International Relations, Global Development or equivalent subjects such as History, Human Geography, Economics, Business Administration, Anthropology, Sociology or Political Science, including a thesis or other independent project of at least 15 ECTS credits. English B/6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1703	Energy and Security	15

Course content

During the course the relationship between energy and security in the international system is analyzed. The period after the cold war is the main emphasis, but earlier time periods are additionally touched upon. The course discusses and analyses different energy sources and their actual and potential significance for the world economy: coal, oil, gas, nuclear power and alternative energy sources. The present global energy situation is critically examined with the background of security theories. An important issue of the course is if there is a relation between global energy crises and military conflicts and how they could be avoided.

Learning outcomes

After completed course the student should be able to:

-describe and discuss issues on global energy politics and analyze the relation between energy politics and military conflicts.

-compare different theoretical perspectives in relation to energy and security.

-compare and analyze advantages and disadvantages with different energy sources in relation to the global economy.

-independently conduct a scientific analysis based on the theme security of energy.

Education

Short lectures and seminars. Attendance to seminars is mandatory. For further information see the course description.

Forms of examination



15.0 Higher Education

15.0 ECTS credits

Credits

Continuous examination through written assignments, including an independent final written assignment which the student should defend at a seminar.

When the syllabus is discontinued, or the content of the course has changed significantly students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semester. For further detailed information see the course description and (d) below.

Seminars are mandatory and the students are expected to actively participate.

Continuous examination through written assignments, including a final assessment.

For further information see the syllabus.

b) Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course: A= Excellent, B= Very Good, C= good, D =Satisfactory, E= Adequate, Fx, Insufficient, F=Fail. c. Written grading criteria are issued at the course start

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive the grade E or higher on all examinations, complete all mandatory assignments and meet the attendance requirement. Under special circumstances, the examiner may, after consulting with the coordinating teacher, grant the student an exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory course elements. The student can then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

e. At least two examination opportunities should be offered for each course. At least one examination opportunity should be offered the semester or the year when the course is not given. Students who receive the grade E may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade. Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board f. The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade. The assignment should be submitted within a week of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited arguments – will receive the grade E. Adequate corrections of simple mistakes related to formatting will be graded using the grades A-E.

Interim

When the syllabus is discontinued or the content of the course has changed significantly students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters (however, this is subject to the limitations listed under forms of examination in this course plan).

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Required reading

Information about the course literature is made available on the department's website, http://www.ekohist.su one month before the course start at the latest.