

Course description
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EKA: B300219402
Censorship: Second examiner: None
Grading: Pass/Fail
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▼ Mandatory prerequisites

Participation in the Minority Changemaker Højskole program in spring 2020 at Jarplund Højskole, Jarplund, Germany.

▼ Recommended prerequisites

The students are expected to be willing to engage in active learning, accept different disciplinary approaches and cooperate with students of different academic disciplines and different cultural background.

▼ Aim and purpose

This course will introduce students on different aspects of the study of minorities, their relation to the ideology of nationalism and their role as objects and subjects in political conflicts. 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the Danish-German border, which was drawn as a result of historical processes leading to a regional division of a border zone into two nation states' territory and the simultaneous institution of national dissenters as national minorities. While controversial in its time, today it is appraised as a model of national reconciliation, border drawing in accord with national self-determination and minority accommodation. This anniversary is the occasion to collect interested students of minority issues in a Højskole-surrounding to study historic and contemporary aspects of national and other minorities in Europe. The course is offered as an elective to students in SDU's bachelor programme on European Studies.

▼ Content

The students will be introduced to the following topics:

- Identity and group formation
- Ethnicity, culture, nationalism and citizenship
- National and other minorities
- National self-determination as a principle in international law
- Soviet minority policies
- Minority policies in the EU
- Minorities and majorities: language policies
- Minorities and majorities: religious issues
- Indigenous people today
- Migration and minorities

▼ Learning goals

The course will enable the students to apply in-depth knowledge of national minorities' background, their legal, cultural and institutional frameworks into different settings in Europe.

▼ Description of outcome - Knowledge

The students acquire in-depth knowledge on processes of identity and group formation, ethnicity, culture, the development of nations and concepts of citizenship. They will be familiar with the basics of historic, political, cultural and sociological theories on nationalism, national minorities and collective identities. They will be familiar with the principle of national self-determination and its application in international law. The students will have acquired knowledge on different minority policies at different levels.

▼ Description of outcome - Skills

The students will acquire skills of independent learning, group-work and interdisciplinary approaches to research problems. They will improve their skills in oral and visual presentation.

▼ Description of outcome - Competences

The students should acquire competencies in applying theory into practice, in analyzing multifaceted political, cultural and economic conflicts evolving around minorities, and in presenting problem-oriented research. They should develop the ability to understand and constructively deal with the complexities involved when working in an interdisciplinary field of study, and the ability to live up to academic standards, orally as well as in written work. Confidence to participate actively in academic discussion.

▼ Literature

Examples:

▼ Teaching Method

Lectures, group work, project work.

▼ Workload

SDU Lectures: 54 h
External lectures: 20 h
Study visits: 70 h
Readings: 100 h
Supervised Group work 24 h
Independent group work 80 h
Project preparation (Exam) 50 h
Presentation of projects 7 h
Total: 405 h

▼ Examination regulations

▼ Examination

▼ Name

Examination

▼ Timing

Ordinary exam in June. Re-examination in August.

▼ Tests

▼ Examination

▼ Name

Examination

▼ Form of examination

Project report

▼ Censorship

Second examiner: None

▼ Grading

Pass/Fail

▼ Identification

Student Identification Card - Date of birth

▼ Language

English

▼ Duration

During the semester.

▼ Length

Written hand-in. Max. 20 pp. for three students, plus max. 4 pp. for each additional group member.

▼ Examination aids

All aids allowed.

▼ Assignment handin

Electronic hand in via SDU-Assignment in Blackboard.

▼ ECTS value

15

▼ Additional information

The students have to prepare a case study of a national minority setting and present it orally to the other students and the teacher, groups of 3-5 students. The case study must cover the different topics taught in the class.

▼ Re-examination

▼ Form of examination

Home assignment

▼ Identification

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▼ Duration

4 weeks.

▼ Examination aids

All aids allowed.

▼ Assignment handin

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▼ Additional information

Individual. Topic given by the teacher. Max. 20 pages.

It is not permitted to re-submit a revised ordinary exam paper, or to submit a paper on the topic agreed upon for the ordinary exam.

▼ EKA

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▼ External comment

NOTE

The student is automatically registered for the first examination attempt when the student is registered for a course or course element with which one or more examinations are associated. Withdrawal of registration is not possible, and students who fail to participate in an examination have used one examination attempt, unless the University has made an exemption due to special circumstances.

▼ **Courses offered**

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