

Scandinavia in World Politics
Professor Ingebritsen

MWF 10:30-11:30

Office Hours: Th 11-Noon

This course compares the foreign policies of the five northern European societies (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden). Students explore how and why Scandinavia responds and adapts in distinct ways to critical international and domestic challenges.

Learning goals:

Upon completion of the class, students will be able to explain Scandinavian-EU relations; trace patterns of responses to ecological change; identify challenges to Scandinavia's historically unique policies; and name individuals who are Scandinavian "norm entrepreneurs."

Readings:

John Ross, *Neutrality and International Sanctions*
Christine Ingebritsen, *The Nordic States and European Unity*
Peter Katzenstein, *Tamed Power*
World Commission on the Environment, *Our Common Future*
Gro Harlem Brundtland, *Madam Prime Minister*
Nilsson and Eckerberg, *Environmental Policy Integration*
Grete Brochmann, *The Multicultural Challenge*

*The readings are available for purchase at the University Bookstore, and on reserve at the Odegaard Undergraduate Library.

Students should also be reading The New York Times or The Financial Times to follow current events relevant to the course.

Requirements:

Mid-term examination	25%
Paper	25%
Final examination	50%

Week One. The Scandinavian Model and Foreign Policy
Read: Ingebritsen, Scandinavia in World Politics

Week Two. Security Policy Choices
Read: Ross, Neutrality and International Sanctions

Week Three. Why No Common Market for Scandinavia?
Read: Ingebritsen, The Nordic States and European Unity

- Week Four. Scandinavia's Role in the World Today
Read: Gro Harlem Brundtland, Madam Prime Minister
World Commission on the Environment, Our Common Future
- Week Five. Paper proposals Submitted.
Peer review of proposals
- Week Six. Climate Change: Scandinavia's Response
Read: Nilsson and Eckerberg, Environmental Policy Integration
- Week Seven. Regional Governance and Scandinavia
Read: Katzenstein, Tamed Power
- Week Eight. Scandinavian Exceptionalism?
Read: Brochmann, The Multicultural Challenge
- Week Nine. Presentation of Research Papers
- Week Ten. Conclusion: How Can We Continue Our Study Of Scandinavian Politics?
- Final Examination