

Introduction to EU Politics

Lecturers

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Course mnemonic

POLI-D323

ECTS credits

5 credits

Language(s) of instruction

English

Course period

First term

Campus

Solbosch

Course content

Introduction

Part I: What is the EU?

How did we get there? Evolution of the integration process

Part II: The EU as a political system

The EU institutional framework

The European Council: the new leader

The European Commission: a declining institution?

The Council of Ministers: a high chamber?

The European Parliament: an empowered institution

The European Court of Justice and the supremacy of EU law

The EU competences and types of EU laws

The EU decision-making process

Part III: Politic of the EU

Politicising the EU

EU democracy and legitimacy

EU integration. Example of the Green Deal

EU disintegration

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

This course introduces the European Union as a political system. It includes its evolution, its institutional architecture, and its actors.

At the end of the course, students should be able:

- > To understand the evolution of the EU and European integration and to compare past developments with current debates
- > To understand how the EU and its institutions work
- > To analyse key challenges and topics in EU politics

Teaching method and learning activities

The course is composed of 11 lectures of 2 hours. Whenever possible, lectures with invited academics, experts, civil servants, and EU officials are organized.

The course will rely on this material:

- > Powepoint presentations used in class
- > Guest speaker's intervention
- > Compulsory readings
- > Q&A session

Students will be granted access to the course material and the material will be available on the UV. This material is covered by intellectual property rights regulations. It is therefore not authorised to share it outside the UV. By registering for the course, you consent to these conditions related to the course material.

Course notes

Université virtuelle

Other information

Place(s) of teaching

Solbosch

Contact(s)

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Evaluation method(s)

Other and written examination

Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

The assessment is twofold:

- > A MCQ on the UV (6/20) related to a selection of readings. The MCQ will be evaluated on a 20-point grading-scale. It will be organised during the semester.
- > A two hour written exam with one open question to select among two questions (14/20). It will be organised in the January exam session.

Main language(s) of evaluation

English

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty
of Philosophy and Social Sciences

BA-POLI | Bachelor in Political Sciences : General | unit 3

