

# Introduction to EU Politics

## Titulaires

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## Mnémonique du cours

POLI-D323

## Crédits ECTS

5 crédits

## Langue(s) d'enseignement

Anglais

## Période du cours

Premier quadrimestre

## Campus

Solbosch

## Contenu du cours

### 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

## Objectifs (et/ou acquis d'apprentissages spécifiques)

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

## Méthodes d'enseignement et activités d'apprentissages

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.

## Références, bibliographie et lectures recommandées

## Support(s) de cours

Podcast et Université virtuelle

## Autres renseignements

## Lieu(x) d'enseignement

Solbosch

## Contact(s)

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## Méthode(s) d'évaluation

Examen écrit et Autre

## Méthode(s) d'évaluation (complément)

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.

## Langue(s) d'évaluation principale(s)

Anglais

## Programmes

Programmes proposant ce cours à la faculté de  
Philosophie et Sciences sociales

BA-POLI | Bachelier en sciences politiques, orientation  
générale | bloc 3

