

Comparative Public Administration and Management (F000815)

Due to Covid 19, the education and evaluation methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

Course size	<i>(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)</i>		
Credits 4.0	Study time 120 h	Contact hrs	40.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2021-2022

A (semester 2)	English	Gent	lecture	25.0 h
			online lecture	0.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2021-2022

Verschuere, Bram	EB25	lecturer-in-charge
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Offered in the following programmes in 2021-2022

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Master of Science in Teaching in Economics (main subject Public Administration and Management)	4	A
Master of Science in Public Administration and Management	4	A
Master of Science in Sociology	4	A
Exchange programme in Economics and Business Administration	4	A
Exchange Programme in Political and Social Sciences	4	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Comparative analysis, typologies (state structures, cultures, policy patterns), public management reform, administrative reform

Position of the course

This course looks at the public administration, the organization of government, and the management of public organizations, in an internationally (European) comparative perspective. The focus is on the understanding and comparing of administrative structures and systems, and of reform processes in government.

Contents

1. Theoretical and analytical approaches to comparative public administration
2. Administrative traditions and models in Europe: traditions, cultures structures
3. Administrative reforms: a model
4. Comparative public management and administrative reforms

Initial competences

Basic insight is required in: -Policy making processes -Governmental structures and organization -Public management

Final competences

- 1 Analysing different administrative systems from a comparative perspective
- 2 Developing a meta-view on how systems, cultures and structures are related within a society/country.

- 3 The student can express himself/herself in English (writing at international conference level), in order to be able to participate in a written exam.
- 4 The student has a critical stance towards the current debates about public sector reform

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture, online lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

lecture

Learning materials and price

- Slides
- Reader (texts via Ufora)
- Book (to be purchased)

Estimated price learning material ca. 50 euro.

References

Kuhlmann, S. and Wollmann, H. (2019). *Introduction to comparative public administration (2nd edition)*. Edward Elgar.

Selected literature (can change depending on publication of new literature)

Course content-related study coaching

Student can contact the professor/assistant before/after class, or can make an appointment by e-mail

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation**

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Exam, with feedback to theory

Calculation of the examination mark

Written exam: 20/20

Facilities for Working Students

To be decided individually after consultation with lecturer