

European Political Integration (K000054)

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Course size	<i>(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)</i>		
Credits 6.0	Study time 180 h	Contact hrs	45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2022-2023

A (semester 1)	Dutch	Gent	lecture	15.0 h
			excursion	5.0 h
			guided self-study	15.0 h
			lecture: plenary exercises	10.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2022-2023

Vos, Hendrik	PS03	lecturer-in-charge
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Offered in the following programmes in 2022-2023	crdts	offering
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Arabic and Islamic Studies)	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject China (China Track))	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject China (UGent Track))	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject India)	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Japan)	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Moral Sciences	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in History	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy	6	A
Bachelor of Science in Economics	6	A
Bachelor of Science in Political Science	6	A
Bachelor of Science in Sociology	6	A
Linking Course Master of Science in Political Science (main subject International Politics)	6	A
Linking Course Master of Science in EU-Studies	6	A
Preparatory Course Master of Science in Political Science (main subject International Politics)	6	A
Preparatory Course Master of Science in EU-Studies	6	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

History of European integration, current developments in European politics

Position of the course

This is a basic course aiming to familiarize students acquainted with the history of European integration from WW2 to the present day and to offer them a framework in which current developments can be situated. Attention is paid to the most recent developments, which may be suggested by students, who are expected to offer input for discussion during the lecture.

Contents

Each lecture pays attention to the most recent developments in European politics. In this, students may provide input, suggesting topics and offering comments for discussion. In addition, the course presents a general overview of the most important theories of integration and of events in the history of European integration from WW2 to the present day.

- Theoretical approaches of European integration (basics)
- The precursors of European Integration after WW2
- The establishment of the ECSC, the failure of the EDC
- The Rome Treaties
- Malaise in the Sixties
- Eurosclerosis in the Seventies
- Towards the Single European Act
- The Maastricht Treaty in the international context
- Europe in the Nineties
- The ups and downs of the European Constitution and the Treaty of Lisbon

Initial competences

None

Final competences

- 1 - To be able to explain the history of European political integration from WWII to present day.
- 2 - To be able to critically analyze and interpret events and evolutions in the European Integration
- 3 - To be able to apply theoretical models of political integration to statements on European political integration
- 4 - To be able to form and formulate a sound opinion on (current) political developments in the EU
- 5 - To be able to critically reflect on the applicability of European integration theories to the history of EU integration.
- 6 - To adopt a critical attitude toward statements concerning European integration
- 7 - To be able to independently and critically follow up current political events.

Conditions for credit contract

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

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Guided self-study, excursion, lecture, lecture: plenary exercises

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lecture (including interaction with, and input from, students)

Learning materials and price

Handbook: Heirbaut, R. & Vos, H. *De Europese Unie in woelig water*, Standaard Uitgeverij (price 25 EUR)

Handbook on EU integration history.

Syllabus "*Europese Politieke Integratie - een leidraad bij de cursus*" & documents (depending on current events) available via Minerva.

Student's personal lecture notes.

Recommended reading: Engelstalig Boek: Dinan, Desmond, *Europe Recast*. Palgrave Mac Millan, 2014 (price 30 EUR)

References

Nugent, Neill, *The Government and Politics of the European Union*. Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.

McCormick, John, *Understanding the European Union*. Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Dinan, Desmond, *Ever Closer Union – an introduction to European integration*. Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.

Cini, Michelle, Perez-Solorzano Borragan, Nieves (eds.), *European Union Politics*, 4th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Course content-related study coaching

Interactive support through Ufora (forums, FAQ, documents, e-mail)
By appointment.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

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

Oral examination

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

Oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Oral exam with written preparation, testing students' knowledge of, insight into, and critical attitude toward, the history and current events of European political integration.

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic assessment (100%)