

## European Political Integration (K000054)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 6.0**

**Study time 180 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2024-2025**

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

lecture

independent work

excursion

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

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lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

[Bachelor of Science in Business Administration](#)

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[Bachelor of Science in Economics](#)

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[Bachelor of Science in Political Science](#)

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[Bachelor of Science in Sociology](#)

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[Micro-credential European Political Integration](#)

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A

[Linking Course Master of Science in Political Science\(main subject International Politics\)](#)

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[Linking Course Master of Science in EU-Studies](#)

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[Preparatory Course Master of Science in Political Science\(main subject International Politics\)](#)

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[Preparatory Course Master of Science in EU-Studies](#)

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[Elective Set Political Sciences](#)

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[Elective Set Southeast-European Language](#)

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**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

Excursion, Lecture, Independent work

## Extra information on the teaching methods

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

## Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Dit is Europa - de geschiedenis van een Unie

Indicative price: € 27

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Author : Hendrik Vos

Number of Pages : 630

Oldest Usable Edition : 2021

Online Available : Yes

Available in the Library : Yes

Available through Student Association : Yes

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

Type: Handbook

Name: De Europese Unie in woelig water

Indicative price: € 24

Optional: yes

Language : Dutch

Author : Rob Heirbaut & Hendrik Vos

Oldest Usable Edition : 2021

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : Yes

Available through Student Association : Yes

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

## References

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

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

Cini, Michelle, Perez-Solorzano Borrigan, Nieves (eds.), European Union Politics, Oxford:

Oxford University Press, 2022.

**Course content-related study coaching**

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

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Oral assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Oral assessment

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

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%)