

The Policies of the European Union (K000316)

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 2026-2027

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

independent work
lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

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Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

[Bachelor of Science in Political Science](#)

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[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 EU-Studies](#)

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[Elective Set Political Sciences](#)

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A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

European Union, policy, areas of EU policy

Position of the course

This course builds further on 'European Political Integration'. It aims to familiarize students with the different areas in which EU policy is developed.

Contents

In this course, an overview of the different EU policy areas is presented. It outlines the European Union policy-making, as well as the recent developments, within each area. The found developments are fit in a theoretical framework. Policy domains that are discussed in any case are:

- Common Agricultural Policy
- Single Market
- Social Policy
- Cultural Policy
- Environmental Policy
- External Policy (Trade and Development)

In consultation with the students, other items or areas of policy can be added to these.

Initial competences

Recommended: European Political Integration

Required: --

Final competences

- 1 - To be able to explain European policy in various policy areas.
- 2 - To be able to critically analyze and interpret the way in which European policy in various areas is established.
- 3 - To be able to point out and explain recent developments in EU policy.
- 4 - To be able to explain the developments in EU policy areas on the basis of theories related to European integration.
- 5 - To be able to assess the implications of political choices in policy areas.

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

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

(including interaction with and input from students)

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: De impact van de Europese Unie - beleidsterreinen, strijdpunten en uitdagingen

Indicative price: € 27

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Author : Hendrik Vos

ISBN : 978-9-46344-250-3

Number of Pages : 123

Oldest Usable Edition : 2017

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : Yes

Available through Student Association : Yes

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

References

Cini, Michelle, Perez-Solorzano Borraran, Nieves (eds.), European Union Politics, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022.

Course content-related study coaching

Interactive support through Minerva (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

Written assessment with open-ended questions

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

Written assessment with open-ended questions

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

The exam tests the knowledge of, insight into, and critical attitude toward policy in the different EU policy areas.

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic assessment (100%)

Facilities for Working Students

Working students can simply take part in the regular scheduled assessments.

There are no separate exercises or assignments they are required to complete.