

COURSE PROFILE

Course Name	Code	Semester	Term	Theory+PS+Lab (hour/week)	Local Credits	ECTS
European Union Politics	POLS 260	Spring	4	3+0+0	3	6

Prerequisites	None
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Course Language	English
Course Type	Elective
Course Lecturer	Asst. Prof. Mehmet Sinan Birdal
Course Assistant	Hakan Mehmetcik
Course Objectives	This course is designed to introduce students to the theories, history, institutions, and policies of the European Union (EU). This course examines the evolution of the European Union since the foundation of the ECSC. It introduces several theoretical approaches to the study of the EU such as federalism, neofunctionalism, intergovernmentalism, and more recent approaches emphasizing culture and identity. In the last part, the course offers a survey of the basic institutions of the EU and how politics operates within and among these institutions.
Course Learning Outcomes	By the end of this course, students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a deeper understanding of the EU within a historical framework • Understand the theoretical approaches that have been applied to the European integration process and to the politics of the Union • Understand the organization and functioning of main EU institutions • Understand and assess main policy debates within the EU • Improve their ability to assess current developments regarding the EU
Course Content	The historical development of the Union with particular emphasis on major treaties such as Treaties of Paris, Rome, Single European Act and Maastricht. Different theories and approaches to the study of EU such as functionalism, federalism, multi-level governance and inter-governmentalism; institutions and actors of EU; policy making process in the EU.

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Subjects	Related
1	Introduction	
2	History Of The European Union I	
3	History Of The European Union II	
4	History Of The European Union III	
5	Approaches To European Integration I	
6	Approaches To European Integration II	
7	Approaches To European Integration III	
8	Review And Midterm	
9	The European Commission	
10	The Council Of The European Union	
11	The European Parliament	
12	The Courts Of The EU	
13	Interest Groups	
14	EU Policies	
15	Review	

Course Textbook	Michelle Cini, European Union Politics (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
Recommended References	

Semester Requirements	Number	Percentage of Grade
Attendance/Participation		10
Laboratory		
Application		
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)		
Quizzes/Studio Critics		
Homework Assignments	5	25
Presentation		
Project		
Seminar/Workshop		
Midterms/Oral Exams	1	30
Final/Resit Exam	1	35
Total	7	100

Percentage of Semester Work	6	65
Percentage of Final Work	1	35
Total	7	100

COURSE'S CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM

#	Program Qualifications / Outcomes	Level of Contribution *				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events					X
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions					X
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture				X	
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations					X
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
IR6	Understand the international legal framework					
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations					
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					

PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics					
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically			x		
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					
10	Have self-confidence					
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences					
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups					
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms					
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public					
16	Understand, read, and write in English					
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report					
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work					
21	Possess computer and technological literacy					

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

**ECTS ALLOCATED BASED ON STUDENT WORKLOAD BY THE COURSE
DESCRIPTION**

Activities	Number	Duration (Hours)	Total Workload
Course Hours (Including Exams)	11	3	33
Tutorials			
Laboratory			
Application			
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)			
Field Work			
Study Hours Out of Class			
Presentations / Seminar			5
Project			
Preparatory reading			74
Homework Assignments			32
Quizzes	2	0.5	1
Midterm Exams	1	3	3
Final / Resit Exam	1	3	3
Total Workload			150

COURSE CATEGORY

ISCED GENERAL AREA CODES	GENERAL AREAS	ISCED BASIC AREA CODES	BASIC EDUCATIONAL AREAS	
1	Education	14	Teacher training and education science	0
2	Humanities and Arts	21	Arts	0
		22	Humanities	0
3	Social sciences, Business and Law	31	Social and behavioural science	100
		32	Journalism and information	0
		34	Business and administration	0
		38	Law	0
4	Science, Mathematics and Computing	42	Life science	0
		44	Physical science	0
		46	Mathematics and statistics	0
		48	Computing	0
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	52	Engineering and Engineering Trades	0
		54	Manufacturing and processing	0
		58	Architecture and building	0
6	Agriculture and Veterinary	62	Agriculture, forestry and fishery	0
		64	Veterinary	0
7	Health and Welfare	72	Health	0
		76	Social services	0
8	Services	81	Personal services	0
		84	Transport services	0
		85	Environmental protection	0
		86	Security services	0