

Descriptif d'enseignement / *Course descriptions*

3^{ème} année internationale / International undergraduate program

Semestre 1 et 2

Titre du cours - *Course title*

EU-Politics and Institutions

Type de cours : Séminaire

Langue du cours/Language of instruction Anglais

Enseignant(s) – *Professor(s)*

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Résumé du cours – Objectifs - *Course description – Targets*

The European integration has been one of the most decisive developments since 1945.

The aim of this course is to give to students a global overview of the history, institutions and politics of European Union. The course examines the structure, workings, and major domains of policy activity of the EU. The functions and powers of Union institutions and bodies and their processes of policy-making and of decision-making are analyzed. The course strongly encourages critical thinking about these matters. In addition, it is hoped that current events will be followed and reflected on, using the knowledge and insights obtained in this course. Finally, the course should provide students with practice oral presentation as well as group discussion.

Evaluation - *Assessment*

Continual assessment 45 %. Students have to prepare an oral presentation on a topic chosen from the list provided in the first session and a press review about European news. Class participation will also be taken into account (10%). At the end of the semester there will be a short written exam (45%).

Plan – Séances - *Course outline*

Session I Introduction

Session II The European Union and its institutions

Session III The European Union – an ever enlarging structure

Session IV Dealing with the EU Eastern enlargement

Session V Theories of the European integration

Session VI Executive, Legislative and Judicial Politics in the EU

Session VII Public opinion in the EU

Session VIII Parties and Elections

Session IX Challenges of the EU

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