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**Course title:** European Studies

**Track:** B-Track

**Language of instruction:** English

**Contact hours:** 48 (6 per day)

**ECTS-Credits:** 4

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### **Course description**

The course will introduce the basics of the European Union and describe and explain the processes of widening and deepening of this unique political entity. This will cover an overview of European Union history, its evolution in economic and political terms as well as of its institutional structure up to today.

Internal politics and policies, for example the decision-making process, the balance of power, identity and democratic questions in this new system of governance will be discussed. Likewise in the realm of external affairs, the Common Foreign and Security Policy, relations with (new) neighbors and with developing countries will be our concern. Particularly important aspects include the discussion on expansion as well as the issue of institutional reform as related to the question of the future of the Lisbon Treaty (2006), which has not yet been ratified. If students express specific interests in other topics or case studies, sessions can be adjusted.

The morning sessions consist of lectures, literature-based discussions and oral presentations from working groups. After lunch the course will visit various institutions in Germany's political center. Students will have the chance to discuss the topics from the morning sessions with international experts from political institutions, embassies and think tanks.

### **Student profile**

Students from different countries, academic levels and backgrounds who are generally interested in European integration will benefit from each other in an intercultural and interdisciplinary learning process.

Former classes consisted of regular students and practitioners such as civil servants, communication experts, young politicians and even members of parliaments.

The course does not require special knowledge about European politics, law, history or culture, but participants should be interested in more than just their field of specialization.

In-class participation, especially in the discussions with experts, is essential for the course success and plays an important role in grading.

**Prerequisites**

The course is designed for students with different academic backgrounds and a general interest in Europe. There are no special prerequisites for the course.

**Course Requirements**

Attendance; active participation in the seminar's discussions and discussions with experts; oral and written presentation of a certain subject.

**Grading**

Participation: 40 %,  
Oral presentations: 30%,  
Final paper: 30%

**Literature**

See course schedule. A course reader will be provided.

### Course schedule

| Date                      | Program   |
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| Tuesday, January 19, 2010 | <p>History of European Integration</p> <p>&gt;Spaak, Paul-Henri. 1950. The Integration of Europe: Dreams and Realities. Foreign Affairs 29: 1, 94-100.</p> <p>&gt;Kühnhardt, Ludger. 2006. European Integration: Challenge and Response. Crises as Engines of Progress in European Integration History. Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn: Discussion Paper. Zentrum für Europäische Integrationsforschung.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>   |
| Friday, January 22, 2010  | <p>Role and Development of EU-Institutions</p> <p>&gt;Gilbert, Mark 2008. Narrating the Process: Questioning the Progressive Story of European Integration. Journal of Common Market Studies, 46: 3, 641-662.</p> <p>&gt;Bailey, David J. 2006. Governance or the crisis of governmentality? Applying critical state theory at the European level. Journal of European Public Policy 13: 1, 16-33.</p> <p>&gt;Dinan, Desmond 2007: Governance and Institutional Developments: Coping Without the Constitutional Treaty, in: Journal of Common Market, Annual Review 2006, Vol.45, 67-87</p> <p>&gt;Federal Foreign Office of Germany 2007. 50 Years of European Integration, Slideshow of the German Government, Berlin 2007</p> <p>&gt;Euractiv 2004 and 2007: Policy summary. The Constitutional Treaty.<br/> <a href="http://www.euractiv.com/en/future-eu/article-128513">http://www.euractiv.com/en/future-eu/article-128513</a> and</p> <p>&gt;Policy summary: The treaty of Lisbon<br/> <a href="http://www.euractiv.com/en/future-eu/treaty-lisbon/article-163412">http://www.euractiv.com/en/future-eu/treaty-lisbon/article-163412</a></p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p> |
| Tuesday, January 26, 2010 | <p>The history and future of EU Enlargement</p> <p>&gt;Schimmelfennig, Frank / Sedelmeier, Ulrich 2002. Theorizing EU enlargement: research focus, hypotheses, and the state of research. Journal of European Public Policy 9: 4, 500-528.</p> <p>&gt;Hyde-Price, Adrian 2005. Review of Frank</p>  |

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|                                  | <p>Schimmelfennig's The EU, NATO and Integration of Europe: Rules and Rhetoric. <i>European Foreign Affairs Review</i> 10: 3, 446-448.</p> <p>&gt;Buiter, Willem H. 2006. It's a long way to Copenhagen. Turkey's Membership of and Convergence with the European Union. CEPS Policy Brief No. 96.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>  |
| <p>Friday, January 29, 2010</p>  | <p>The Economic Integration of Europe</p> <p>&gt;Sapir, André 2006. Globalization and the reform of European Social Models, in: <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i>, 44:2, 369-390</p> <p>&gt;Hay, Colin 2007: Keynote Article: What Doesn't Kill You Can Only Make You Stronger: The Doha Development Round, the Services Directive and the EU's Conception of Competitiveness, in: <i>Journal of Common Market, Annual Review 2006</i>, Vol. 45, 25-43</p> <p>&gt;Bahgat, Gawdat 2006. Europe's energy security: challenges and opportunities. <i>International Affairs</i> 82: 5, 961-975</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, February 2, 2010</p> | <p>Policy-making in the EU</p> <p>&gt;Falkner, Gerda (2006): Forms of Governance in European Union Social Policy: Continuity and/or Change? <i>International Social Security Review</i>, Volume 59, Number 2, April 2006 , pp. 77-103(27).</p> <p>&gt;Knill, C./Lenschow, A. (2003): Modes of Regulation in the Governance of the European Union: Towards a Comprehensive Evaluation. <i>European Integration Online Papers</i> 7 (1), 2003.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>  |
| <p>Friday, February 5, 2010</p>  | <p>Legitimacy und Democracy in the EU</p> <p>&gt;Etzioni, Amitai 2007. The Community Deficit. <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i> 45: 1, 23-42.</p> <p>&gt;Risse, Thomas / Kleine, Mareike 2007. Assessing the Legitimacy of the EU's Treaty Revision Methods. <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i> 45: 1, 69-80.</p> <p>&gt;Sifft, Stefanie et al. 2007. Segmented Europeanization: Exploring the Legitimacy of the European Union from a Public Discourse Perspective. <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i> 45: 1, 127-155.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>       |

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| <p>Tuesday, February 9, 2010</p> | <p>Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)</p> <p>&gt;Duke, Simon/Ojanen, Hanna 2006. Bridging Internal and External Security: Lessons from the European Security and Defence Policy. <i>European Integration</i> 28: 5, 477–494.</p> <p>&gt;Smith, Michael 2006. European Foreign Policy in Crisis? EU Responses to the George W. Bush administration. <i>European Political Science</i> 5, 41-51.</p> <p>&gt;Ojanen, Hanna 2006. The EU and NATO. Two competing models for a common defence policy. <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i>, 44:1, 57-67.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p> |
| <p>Friday, February 12, 2010</p> | <p>The Treaty of Lisbon and the Future of Europe</p> <p>&gt;Zielonka, Jan 2007. Plurilateral Governance in the Enlarged European Union. <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i> 45: 1, 187-209.</p> <p>&gt;König, Thomas 2007. Divergence or Convergence? From ever-growing to ever-slowng European decision making. <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> 46, 417-444.</p>  |