



Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

The International Office is responsible for course approval and course registration for exchange students. For details about course registration, requirements, credits, semesters and so on, please [visit the exchange programmes webpages](#).

EU Governance in an International Context

Course Code	S_EUGIC
Credits	6
Period	P2
Course Level	300
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Social Sciences
Course Coordinator	dr. O. Terzi MSc
Examiner	dr. O. Terzi MSc
Teaching Staff	dr. O. Terzi MSc
Teaching method(s)	Lecture

Course Objective

Learning outcomes:

Knowledge and understanding– The student has acquired knowledge and understanding of:

1. the history of European integration and the main theories trying to understand and explain the process of European unification;
2. the institutional structure of and politics within European Union and how it interacts with member states;
3. key aspects of EU policy making in the internal and external arena.

Skills – The student is able to:

1. recognise the key historical milestones of European integration and the current challenges the EU faces currently when it comes to its institutional and political make-up;
2. apply a variety of theoretical approaches to understand and explain past and current developments.

Attitude – The student displays:

1. critical reflection upon the European integration process, the EU's institutions and policies as well as the way democracy functions at the EU level.

Course Content

This course familiarizes students to the way the EU operates, its institutional architecture, its history, and its modes of decision-making. The course highlights how EU decision-making affects domestic politics, whilst at the same time is situated in a broader, international context. It will introduce students to the key theoretical debates about the European integration process (neo-functionalism, liberal intergovernmentalism, etc.), and it will pay special attention to the main characteristics of EU decision-making.

The theoretical and practical insights will then be applied in a number of selected policy domains involve both policy making within the EU (e.g. monetary integration, regulation of the single market, making of common foreign and security policy) and outside the EU, that is to say the EU's engagement in the global realm (e.g. enlargement, trade, security).

Additional Information Teaching Methods

Lectures.

Method of Assessment

Final exam.

Literature

- Cini M. & Perez-Solorzano Borrigan, N. (2022). *European Union Politics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- Additional articles to be announced in the course manual (see CANVAS).

Additional Information Target Audience

- Second-year Bachelor students in Political Science (all tracks and/or specializations)
- Second-year Bachelor students in Bestuurs- en Organisationswetenschappen, specialization Besturen