

## Syllabus – Elective Course

Course title:

European Union Policy Making

Credits:

6 ECTS credits

Teaching language:

English

Target students:

Undergraduate students from all study areas with an interest in/who would like to learn about the European Union (institutions, powers, policies...)

Teacher in charge of the course:

Aurélien RACCAH (Law School, *Université Catholique de Lille*).

### COURSE PRESENTATION

Prerequisite:

Students undertaking this course should normally have successfully completed at least one semester at university or have equivalent experience. They must have some ability to work as a group and be able to communicate easily in English at a standard university level. In other respects, the course is intended to serve a mix of profiles and learning backgrounds for a more diverse international learning experience.

Content:

This course will provide students with an overview of the European Union and its governance.

Topics to be covered will normally include:

- Session 1: **Multilingualism**: A first step for a European culture?
- Session 2: **European History**: Is Europe a so new idea?
- Session 3: The **European treaties** from Rome to Lisbon, over 50 years of construction
- Session 4: **Enlargement** of the EU: Who's the next?
- Session 5: **Economic crisis**: What can the EU do?
- Session 6: **Human rights** & protection of the minorities
- Session 7: **Populism** in Europe: A common phenomenon in the EU?
- Session 8: **Europe of the regions**, a paradox?
- Session 9: **Environment**, a positive action of the EU
- Session 10: **External action of the EU**: who represents the EU for which objectives?



### Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the students should be able to:

- Understand how works the European Union.
- Describe the main policies of the European Union.

## WORKLOAD

French contact hours = 60 minutes (in some countries/institutions, 1 contact hour = 45-50 minutes)

Form	Number of hours	Comments
Face-to-face, in-class, on-site learning	39 hours	
Approximate personal work/homework	20 hours	
Student total workload	<b>59 hours</b>	

## EDUCATIONAL METHODS

Lecture, discussion, presentations, sharing of experiences, group work, guided visits, on-site education.  
Visit of the European Parliament.

## RESOURCES

All course materials will be supplied in class. References may be made to the following resources:

- Sites.
- Ouvrages en anglais ou français.

## ASSESSMENT

Form	Number	Hours	Comments
<b>Continuous assessment</b> (20%)	1		1 Quizz, 1 Presentation, Participation in class.
<b>Final exam</b> (60%)	1		Examination covering all aspects of course.
<b>Other (student participation...)</b> (20%)			Attendance, participation, and contribution to group discussion.

*This syllabus is based on information available at the time of publication (January 2025). Changes may occur.*

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