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European Integration

Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Field of study Joint Bachelor in Sustainability		Education cycle 2025/26	
Speciality Social Sciences & Humanities		Subject code UJ.WPAJBSSSHS.840.06275.25	
Organizational unit Faculty of Law and Administration		Lecture languages english	
Study level first cycle (joint degree programme)		Subject related to scientific research Yes	
Study form full-time degree programme		Disciplines Political science and administration,	
Education profile General academic		ISCED classification 0312 Political sciences and civics	
Mandatory elective		USOS code	
Subject coordinator	Piotr Szwedo		
Lecturer	Jonathan Slapin		
Period Semester 3	Examination exam	Number of ECTS points 3.0	
	Activities and hours E-learning (discussion class): 16		

Goals

C1	<p>The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the premises and challenges of European integration. Students will learn about the history, institutions, and policies of the EU, and understand the political dynamics and public opinion surrounding EU integration. In addition to learning about the politics of European integration and the workings of the European system, students will learn to think like social science researchers, applying political science theories to the study of European politics. Students will gain familiarity with the types of questions and topics addressed by political science with respect to EU integration. Students are expected to learn skills including the ability to read and comprehend political science texts quickly, extracting key points of information from them.</p>
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Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Effects	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student knows and understands:			
W1	the historical development and key theories of European integration.	JBS_K1_W04, JBS_K1_W05, JBS_K1_W07	written exam
W2	the structure and functions of EU institutions and their policymaking processes.	JBS_K1_W04, JBS_K1_W05, JBS_K1_W07	written exam
Skills - Student can:			
U1	critically analyze political science texts and extract key points of information.	JBS_K1_U01	written exam
U2	apply political science theories to current issues in European politics.	JBS_K1_U03	written exam
Social competences - Student is ready for:			
K1	to engage in informed discussions about European integration and policy processes, including their potential implications for sustainability.	JBS_K1_K03, JBS_K1_K04	written exam

Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*
E-learning (discussion class)	16
preparation for the exam	24
preparation for classes	50
Student workload	Hours 90
	ECTS 3.0

* hour means 45 minutes

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
1.	Introduction and Why Europe?	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
2.	History of European Integration	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
3.	Theories of EU Integration	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
4.	EU Institutions and Decision-Making	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
5.	European Parliament, Parties and Elections	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
6.	The Court of Justice	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
7.	In-person Q&A session	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
8.	European Public Opinion	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
9.	European Interest Groups and Lobbying	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
10.	EU Budget and Policies	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
11.	Economic and Monetary Union	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
12.	EU Expansion and Democratic Backsliding	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
13.	Switzerland and the EU	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
14.	In-person Q&A session	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1

Course advanced

Teaching methods :

conversation lecture, solving tasks, e-learning methods, consultation

Activities	Examination methods	Credit conditions
E-learning (discussion class)	written exam	Online, open notes exam (single choice, multiple choice, k-prim, short answers, and a short essay question)

Entry requirements

None

Literature

Obligatory

1. Lelieveldt, H. and Princen S. (2015) The Politics of the European Union. 2nd edition. Cambridge University Press.

Effects

Code	Content
JBS_K1_K03	The graduate can consider different visions of the future and develop own evidence-based opinions in reference to the balance of values linked to economic development, social welfare, and environmental protection.
JBS_K1_K04	The graduate can critically assess and verbalize own competencies and skills related to different aspects of sustainability as well as their need for development.
JBS_K1_U01	The graduate can critically analyse academic literature, formulate research questions and conduct research under supervision.
JBS_K1_U03	The graduate can apply adequate methods and tools, including selected IT tools, to solve problems related to data collection, analysis, and management in the context of sustainability.
JBS_K1_W04	The graduate can identify sustainability-related problems specific to selected cultural, geographical, and political contexts.
JBS_K1_W05	The graduate can identify essential international instruments and institutions related to sustainability and explain their potential role in resolution of a given problem.
JBS_K1_W07	The graduate can apply the theory and methodology of disciplines included in the selected specialisation track to sustainability-related problems, taking into consideration practical limitations such as protection of intellectual property.