



Detailed Course Syllabus

Academic Year		2023./2024.	Semester	Summer
Study Program	Undergraduate university studies in sociology	Specialization/Major in	for student incoming mobility	Year of Study 1 st ; 2 nd ; 3 rd

I. BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

Name	Introduction to European Integration		
Abbreviation	IZBEPSOC2	Code	251988
Status	Elective course	ECTS	6
Prerequisites	/		
Total Course Workload			
Teaching Mode	Total Hours	Teaching Mode	Total Hours
Lectures	30	Seminars	30
Class Time and Place	According to the announced schedule		

II. TEACHING STAFF

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III. DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION

Teaching Language	English
Course Description	This course provides an introduction to European integration process and development of the European Union (EU) from the historical, political, legal and socio-economic perspectives. It examines the main EU institutions and the basic legal aspects of European integration. Moreover, this course provides insights

regarding the policy-making process at the EU level, as well as it offers an overview of the main theories and concepts applied in the analysis of European integration. Correspondingly, the course enables students to develop critical understanding of the major current issues concerning the European Union.

Expected Educational Outcomes	1. Understand major historical, political, legal and socio-economic features of European integration process and development of the European Union; 2. Differentiate the roles and functions of the main EU institutions; 3. Comprehend basic legal aspects of European integration and interpret founding EU treaties; 4. Understand the main features of the policy-making process at the EU level and demonstrate understanding of the major theoretical and conceptual approaches to European integration; 5. Present and debate major current issues concerning the European Union.
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Textbooks and Materials

Required	Cini, M. and Pérez-Solórzano Borragán, N. (2010). <i>European Union Politics</i> (3 rd edition). Oxford University Press. ; McCormick, J. (2008). <i>Understanding the European Union: A Concise Introduction</i> (4 th edition). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. ; Saurugger, S. (2014). <i>Theoretical Approaches to European Integration</i> . Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. ; Rifkin, J. (2004). <i>The European Dream: How Europe's Vision of the Future Is Quietly Eclipsing the American Dream</i> . New York: Jeremy P. Tarcher/Penguin. ; Gueguen, D. and Marissen, V. (2015). <i>The new practical guide to the EU labyrinth: Understand everything about EU institutions structures, powers, procedures through examples, diagrams, synthesis</i> (New updated edition). Bruxelles: PACT European Affairs.
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Supplementary	Nelsen, B. F. and Stubb, A., eds. (2003). <i>The European Union: Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration</i> (3 rd edition). Palgrave Macmillan. ; Hix, S. (2005). <i>The Political System of the European Union</i> (2 nd edition). Palgrave Macmillan. ; Favell, A. and Virginie, G., eds. (2011). <i>Sociology of the European Union</i> . Palgrave Macmillan. ; Beck, U. and Grande, E. (2007). <i>Cosmopolitan Europe</i> . Polity Press. ; Sassatelli, M. (2009). <i>Becoming Europeans: Cultural Identity and Cultural Policies</i> . Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
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Examination and Grading

To Be Passed	Yes	Exclusively Continuous Assessment	No	Included in Average Grade	Yes
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Prerequisites to Obtain Signature and Take Final Exam	1. Regular class attendance - at least 70% of class attendance; 2. Fulfilled obligations of seminar presentation and teamwork; 3. Achieving a minimum of 35% of grade during classes within assigned course activities - cumulatively achieved by seminar presentation, teamwork and midterm exam.
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Examination Manner	Continuous evaluation of student's work through: 1) Course activities: seminar presentation, teamwork and midterm exam;
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2) Final written exam (min. 50% of correct answers is needed to pass the final exam).

Continuous evaluation of student's work leads to the total grade assessment based on 100 points:

sufficient (2) 50-64 points;
good (3) 65-79 points;
very good (4) 80-89 points;
excellent (5) 90 and above points.

How to earn points:

Grading Manner

a) Course activities - 70% of the grade:

- 1) seminar presentation - max. 20 points.
- 2) teamwork - max. 20 points.
- 3) midterm exam - max. 30 points.

b) Final exam - 30% of the grade:

4) Final exam - max. 30 points (written exam - min. 50% of correct answers is needed to pass the final exam, i.e. it is required to earn at least 15 out of max. 30 points).

**Detailed
Overview of
Grading within
ECTS**

ACTIVITY TYPE	ECTS credits - student's load coefficient	GRADE SHARE (%)
Attending classes	1,5	0
Seminar presentation	0,9	20
Teamwork	0,9	20
Midterm exam	1,35	30
Total during classes	4,65	70
Final exam	1,35	30
TOTAL POINTS (course activities + final exam)	6	100

**Midterm Exam
Dates**

The 9th week of classes

**Final Exam
Dates**

According to the announced schedule

IV. WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

Lectures

Week	Topic
1.	Course overview and introductory remarks on the European integration process
2.	The postwar Europe and the emergence of the European Communities

3.	From the establishment of the European Union to ratification of the Treaty of Lisbon
4.	Institutions of the European Union: The European Commission and the Council of the European Union
5.	Institutions of the European Union: The European Parliament, the Courts of the European Union and the European Council
6.	Legal order of the European Union
7.	Policies and policy-making process in the European Union
8.	Economics of European integration
9.	Midterm exam
10.	Neo-functionalism
11.	Intergovernmentalism
12.	Europeanization
13.	Governance in the European Union
14.	The EU and its citizens
15.	Concluding remarks: Reflections on current issues concerning the European Union

Seminars

Week	Topic
1.	Introduction to seminar and teamwork
2.	Seminars and teamwork according to the assigned topics
3.	Seminars and teamwork according to the assigned topics
4.	Seminars and teamwork according to the assigned topics
5.	Seminars and teamwork according to the assigned topics
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12.	Seminars and teamwork according to the assigned topics
13.	Seminars and teamwork according to the assigned topics
14.	Seminars and teamwork according to the assigned topics
15.	Seminars and teamwork according to the assigned topics: Concluding remarks/critical review