



COURSE SYLLABUS

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I. Description

EU Politics

Közösségi politikák az EU-ban

Neptun code	Academic year	C/E	Assessment	Contact hours (th/pr)	Credit	Language	Semester
BMEGT43MN20- BMEGT43MN2	2017/18	E	intra-term grading	2/0	3	English	Fall

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Entry requirements

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Mandatory/recommended preliminary courses

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Description

Course overview: The aim of the course is to introduce students into the theoretical background and development of the European politics and the EU, then a more detailed examination of the particular EU

policies. In the first part of the course, we clarify the most important theoretical terms, like politics, nation state, democracy, power, international economic order, globalization and regionalization, international governmental and non-governmental organizations, etc., necessary for the understanding of the complex system of international political and economic order developed after WWII, in which the EU is embedded. Then we deal quite detailed with the historical background, foundation, development of the integration process and institutional set-up of the EU with a special attention to the recent changes, problems and challenges. In the last section students will have the opportunity to examine the most essential EU policy areas, like the finance and budget, agriculture & food, regional and local development, international economic relations, environment and energy, social policy & employment, culture and education.

Topics

Tuesday
08:15-09:45

Weekly Topics

2018.02.06	Week 1: Introduction and basic concepts
2018.02.13	Week 2: Theories of international and EU politics
2018.02.20	Week 3: Nation state, governmental systems, confederalism
2018.02.27	Week 4: Globalization, regionalism, regional integrations.
2018.03.06	Week 5: History and development of the EU integration process
2018.03.13	Week 6: Institutions, organizations and future challenges of the EU
2018.03.20	Week 7: The financial, economic union and the Euro
2018.03.27	Week 8: Mid-term exam (27 March 2018)
2018.04.03 School Holiday	Week 9: No class (Easter Holiday week 3-6 April 2018)
2018.04.10	Week 10: The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and regional development in the EU
2018.04.17	Week 11: Environment and energy, trans-European energy networks
2018.04.24	Week 12: Demographic problems of Europe, social policy, culture & education

2018.05.01	Week 13: No class (Holiday 1 May 2018) School Holiday
2018.05.08	Week 14: Final exam (8 May 2018)
2018.05.15	Week 15: Study trip/special program

Readings

- Bache, I. & George, S. 2011 (second edition). *Politics in the European Union*. OUP
- Gilpin, R. 2001. *Global Political Economy. Understanding the International Economic Order*. Princeton University Press
- J. McCormick 2011. *European Union Politics*, Palgrave Foundations, Palgrave Macmillan
- Lechner F.J.& Boli J. 2004. *Globalization Reader*. Blackwell Publishers
- Orban, A. & Szanto Z. 2011. *The European Energy Policy from an Intra-European Solidarity Point of View*. In *Reinventing Social Solidarity Across Europe*, Ellison, M. (ed), The Policy Press

Compulsory readings:

J. McCormick 2011. *European Union Politics*, Palgrave Foundations, Palgrave Macmillan

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Official EU materials found at: http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm, and

lecture handouts, e-learning materials up-loaded to the Moodle of the Department website:

Step 1: go to <http://moodle.szoc.bme.hu/>

Step 2: find the course „European Politics”

Step 3: write the key word - given on the first class - into „Beiratkozási kulcs” then enter Feliratkozom erre a kurzusra” and finally „Bejelentkezés”

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Teaching method

Requirements

Re-sit possibilities

If writing one test is not successful or in other exceptional cases (e.g. justified medical care) there is a possibility to retake one of the two exams in the re-take exam period.

Consultation

E.711 kedd 09:00-10:00, kedd 13:00-14:00

Course requirements

Teaching method and grading: Lectures, in class student activity

60% - Midterm and final written in-class exam

40% - Other assignments (homework, class presentation, individual and team work, activity etc...)

Evaluation criteria

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Writing the mid and final term (based on the lecture, e-learning compulsory reading materials) exams is compulsory (min. 50% of the scores for successful final grading is a necessity). However, if writing one test is not successful or in other exceptional cases (e.g. justified medical care) there is a possibility to retake one of the two exams on the 15th (re-take exam period) week. Each student will have a topic – related to the main topics in the class schedule – to prepare an oral, compulsory presentation (max. 15- 20 minute in ppt format) on it, in the pre-defined date and time. A 2 page Word format summary (with references) of it should be handled electronically by e-mail until 8. p.m. the day before of the presentation. (Delayed summary, but sent until the time of the presentation accepted with score deduction. However not sent at all, means not fulfilled this task, even presented in class!)

Evaluation

Excellent [A]
Very Good [B]
Good [C]
Satisfactory [D]
Pass [E]
Fail [F]

Student work required for the completion of the course

Contact hour	40%
Preparation for classes	10%
Preparation for test	15%
Preparation of homework	10%
Learning written material	10%
Preparation for exam	15%
Sum	100%

Course supervisor

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