

SUBJECT CARD

1. Basic information

Subject	The Institutions of the European Union
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Field of studies	International Relations
Specialization	international relations and cultural diplomacy
PRK level	7 PRK
Education level	second-degree studies
Form of studies	full-time studies
Group of activities	—
Number of ECTS points	5
Type of subject	obligatory
Total number of hours	30 h
Didactic cycle	2023/2024 winter
Academic semester	2
Academic year	1
Education profile	general academic
Year of implementation	2023/2024
Language of instruction	English
Teacher(s)	dr Anna Paterek

Semester, number of ECTS points, type of subject, number of hours

Semester	Lecture
2	30 godz. 5 ECTS

2. General objectives

C1	the aim of the course is to present the functions, powers, and composition of the EUs institutions. From the Council of Ministers to the European Central Bank, all of the most important organizations are analysed and explained. We will examine the constitutional and institutional structure of the EU. We devote substantial attention to the division of powers among the EU institutions and between the EU and its Member States
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3. Introductory requirements

none

4. Learning outcomes

W1	Knowledge: at the end of the course, students shall have acquired knowledge about the institutions and policy areas of the European Union
U1	Skills: at the end of the course, students will have the empirical knowledge, theories and transferable skills necessary to analyse and explain the EU's institutions, political processes and legitimacy
K1	Social competence: at the end of the course, students will have engaged with the conceptual and normative debate about supranational governance

5. Course program

Lecture (30 h)

Code	Detailed description of the topic blocks (semester: 2)
Wyk1	Introduction
Wyk2	The historical development of the EU-EU Institutions
Wyk3	The European Commission
Wyk4	The European Council. The Council of the European Union
Wyk5	The European Parliament
Wyk6	The Court of Justice of the European Union; the European Central Bank; the Court of Auditors
Wyk7	Citizens and Public Opinion in the EU. How Democratic is the EU?
Wyk8	Decision-making in the EU. Council simulation game
Wyk9	Summary

6. Didactic methods

Lecture	
M1	Case study
M6	Discussion
M7	Didactic game
M13	E-learning methods
M17	Multimedia presentation
M20	Lecture
M21	Use of distance learning tools

7. Student workload

Number of hours under supervision	Student workload
Lecture	30 h
Including e-learning:	14 h

Student's own work	
	95 h

Total workload	
Total number of hours for the course	125 h
Total number of ECTS points	5 ECTS

8. Conditions for course completion

Course completion criteria

final written exam, Council simulation game

Lectures (Final exam / Final pass)	
Grade 5:	at least 95% of the points required
Grade 4,5:	at least 85% of the points required
Grade 4:	at least 75% of the points required
Grade 3,5:	at least 65% of the points required
Grade 3:	at least 55% of the points required

9. Literature

Basic literature

1. Cini Michelle, Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán, European Union politics, Oxford 2022
2. McCormick, John: Understanding the European Union : a concise introduction, London 2021
3. Simon Hix, Bjørn Høyland, The political system of the European Union, London 2022

Supplementary literature

1. Laurie Buonanno and Neill Nugent, Policies and policy processes of the European Union, London 2021
2. Key controversies in European integration / edited by Hubert Zimmermann and Andreas Dür, London 2021

Lecturer's publications

1. A. Paterek, Conceptualizing the security-development nexus and securitization in the EU's development policy - the role of the European Council, (in:) Beata Przybylska-Maszner, Jarosław Janczak (Eds.): The Process of Shaping the Formal and Informal Powers of the European Council with Regard to EU External Actions, Logos Verlag Berlin 2021.

Additional aids

https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/learning-materials/council-simulation-game_en

https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/learning-materials/eucraft-digital-simulation-game_en

11. Information about academic teachers

The person responsible for the card

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