

EU politics

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Teacher(s)	Brogna Valentina ;			
Language :	English			
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis			
Prerequisites	The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.			
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : At the end of the course, students will have: - been presented with a general overview of the history of the European project - acquired a basic knowledge of the peculiar political system that is the European Union - had informed debates regarding the long-standing issue of the democratic deficit of the European Union			
Evaluation methods	Two-hours long written exam consisting of open-ended questions focused on topics covered during the lectures and in the readings			
Teaching methods	Lectures, discussions of additional compulsory readings and presentations by professionals (tbc). Each student will have to study selected chapters of a textbook, complementary to the ex-cathedra lectures : Cini M. and N. Pérez-Solórzano Borragán (eds.) 2022, <i>European Union Politics</i> , 7th edition, Oxford University Press			
Content	The lectures will proceed in three stages. To begin with, we will make the point that the political institutions constitutive of the European Union are integrated enough to be considered an actual political system. Accordingly, the European Union can be studied as such, which we will be doing for several lectures, putting the emphasis on the fact that the EU is a quite unique political system that deserves to be approached as a sui generis case. We will highlight the institutionalized relationships between its main actors and attempt to paint at great brushstrokes its inner institutional logic.			
	Second, we will be looking backwards in time, at the history of the European project to explain how we arrived at such an institutional outcome. We will show that the European Union was not built in a day and that many of its quirks result from hard-fought negotiation processes and compromises opposing conflicting views of the European integration project.			
	Eventually, we will ask ourselves how the issue of the democratic deficit of the EU, identified by European analysts since the 1970s, has been tackled since then and how its approach could decisively shape the future of EU politics.			
Bibliography	On top of the compulsory textbook, a list of useful references is available in the syllabus.			
Other infos	Face-to-face , second term, 30 hours of theory. The slides are given to the students right after each session. A syllabus is available at the beginning of the course.			
Faculty or entity in charge	ESPB			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Bachelor in History (French - English)	HIAB1BA	5	BESPO1164	٩		
Bachelor in Law (shift schedule)	DRDB1BA	5	BHDDR1121	٩		
Bachelor in Law	DROB1BA	5	BDROI1120	٩		
Bachelor in Law French-English (and French-English-Dutch)	DRAB1BA	5	BESPO1164	٩		
Bachelor in Law French-Dutch (and French-Dutch-English)	DRNB1BA	5	BDROI1120	۹		
Bachelor in Information and Communication	COMB1BA	5	BESPO1162	۹		
Bachelor in Information and Communication (French- English)	COAB1BA	5	BESPO1165	ھ		
Bachelor in Information and Communication (French-Dutch- English)	COTB1BA	5	BESPO1165	٩		
Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology	SOCB1BA	5	BESPO1162	۹		
Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology (French-English)	SOAB1BA	5	BESPO1165	۹		
Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology (French-Dutch- English)	SOTB1BA	5	BESPO1165	ھ		
Bachelor in Political Sciences	SPOB1BA	5	BESPO1162	٩		
Bachelor in Political Sciences (French-English)	SPAB1BA	5	BESPO1165	٩		
Bachelor in Political Sciences (French-Dutch-English)	SPTB1BA	5	BESPO1165	۹		
Bachelor in Political Sciences (shift schedule)	SPDB1BA	5	BHDPO1110	۹		
Bachelor in Droit - Rechten - Laws	DREB1BA	5		٩		