UCLouvain

Actors of the European political system

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Teacher(s)	Duez Denis ;			
Language :	French			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Main themes	The course firstly examines institutional actors (as mentioned in the European Treaties), both European (Commission, Parliament, Council of the European Union, Court of Justice, Committee of the Regions, Economic and Social Committee, European Central Bank, European Investment Bank, etc.) and national (national delegations to the Parliament, the Council of the European Union, to the Committee of the Regions, Economic and Social Committee, etc.). Secondly, the course examines non-institutional actors such as political parties, interest groups, trade unions, companies, advocacy groups, "think tanks", experts, media, opinion polling agencies, etc. It will analyse the way they are organized at the European and/or national levels (ex: European Trade Union Confederation, "BusinessEurope", European Environmental Bureau, etc.).			
Learning outcomes	 At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : On completion of the course, students will have a global understanding of the whole set of collective actors that contribute to the "European political game", as well as of the main type of interactions among them. They will be familiar with the actors' contribution to the dynamic and the development of the EU. 			
Evaluation methods	Written exam. The exam covers all the material discussed during the lectures and presented in the reader. The use of artificial intelligence in the assessment tests for this course is governed by the rules set out in the faculty memorandum on the subject, which is available on the faculty intranet in the information for students section.			
Teaching methods	Lectures.			
Content	The course combines two perspectives. On one hand, the course will identify all types of actors participating in the European political system. The course will present their composition, resources and main instruments for action, their identity and political orientations. The weight of each of these actors in the European political decision-making process will be underlined. On the other hand, the course will engage a more dynamic perspective, centred on the interactions among the actors. It will acknowledge the fundamental diversity of actors and levels of governance of the European "political game".			
Other infos	Support: reader with obligatory readings and list of recommended readings.			
Faculty or entity in charge	EURO			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes	
Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations	SPRI2M	5		٩	
Master [120] in Translation	TRAD2M	5		٩	
Master [120] in Interpreting	INTP2M	5		٩	
Master [120] in European Studies	EURO2M	5		٩	
Master [60] in Political Sciences: General	SPOL2M1	5		٩	
Master [120] in Public Administration	ADPU2M	5		٩	
Master [120] in Journalism	EJL2M	5		٩	