





5.00 credits

30.0 h

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Teacher(s)	Fontan Clément ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	An introductory course in economics.
Main themes	This political economy course focuses on the co-construction of the European political and economic spheres since the 1950's. The first section of the course analyses the background of European Economic integration, the build-up of the Single market and the creation of the single currency. The second section zooms in on the Eurozone macro-economic coordination, e.g. the integration of monetary, fiscal, budgetary and financial policies from 1999 to 2010. The third section introduces the EU sectorial economic policies, including the Common Agricultural policy, the competition policy, regional policies and international trade policies. The fourth section tackles the EU crises and future challenges: the Eurozone crisis, the ecological transition and the Brexit.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>1 The course aims at providing the student with the basic knowledge needed to understand the operation and challenges of the main economic policies at work in the EU.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p>Student will be evaluated according to the following repartition:</p> <p>50%: collective "theater plays" exercise</p> <p>50%: individual "open book" written examination</p>
Teaching methods	<p>Students must perform one mandatory reading before each class and upload their summary on Moodle.</p> <p>Students must form groups and hand out a 8000 words research report + prepare a theater play on one of the reverse class topics presented above.</p>
Content	<p>This course in political economy aims to analyse the co-construction of the political and economic spheres in the European Union from the 1950s to the present day.</p> <p>First, we will discuss the foundations of European economic integration, the history of economic ideas, the construction of the single market, the adoption of the euro, the first ten years of governance of the Economic and Monetary Union, the crisis of the euro zone and the reforms linked to it.</p> <p>The second part of the course will be of a 'reverse class' type whereby students must research and set up a precise presentation on the following themes: the finance/democracy nexus, digital economy, pandemics' economics, energy markets and geopolitical tensions. The ongoing ecological catastrophe is a transversal theme that is tackled throughout the class, from its historical roots to its actual developments. Students are strongly encouraged to present their research under the form of short "theater plays".</p>
Bibliography	No book purchase is needed. Aucun besoin d'acheter un ouvrage en lien avec ce cours. Compulsory reading will be online. Les lectures obligatoires seront accessibles en ligne.
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		
Master [120] in Translation	TRAD2M	5		
Master [120] in Sociology	SOC2M	5		
Master [120] in European Studies	EURO2M	5		
Master [120] in Public Administration	ADPU2M	5		