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5.00 credits

30.0 h

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Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The aim of the course is to understand and to critically assess the functioning, role and significance of the main institutions and actors in the political system of the European Union. Recent political science literature on the political and bureaucratic functioning of the main actors in contemporary EU politics will be discussed. Besides the main institutions (European Commission, Council of the EU, European Parliament, European Council, Court of Justice of the EU), attention will be paid to the interaction between the institutions in the formulation and implementation of EU policies, to interest groups and non-state actors, as well as to the increasing importance of EU-level agencies and national parliaments in EU policy-making.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>1 Students will have a global understanding of the whole set of collective actors that contribute to the political system of the EU, as well as of the main type of interactions among them. They will have acquired analytical tools to evaluate their functioning, role and significance critically.</p>
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 evaluation methods of this course is subject to the rules set out in the faculty memorandum on this subject, which is available on the intranet of the ESPO Faculty in the section with information for students.
Teaching methods	Lectures.
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the political system of the EU and the role of actors in that political system - European Commission - European Parliament - Council of the EU - European Council - Interinstitutional relations and decision-making - Court of Justice - Agencies - National parliaments - Interest groups and societal interest representation
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 European Studies	EURO2M	5		
Master [120] in Public Administration	ADPU2M	5		
Master [120] in Journalism	EJL2M	5		