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## Area of freedom, security and justice

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Teacher(s)	Duez Denis ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The course aims to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the European Union's (EU) Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ). More specifically, it aims to introduce students to the concepts, approaches, academic and political debates that will help them to study and understand the construction of the AFSJ. The course is structured around four main themes. Firstly, from a historical perspective, it examines the process of formation and evolution of the AFSJ. Secondly, it examines the policies developed within the AFSJ framework: asylum, immigration, management of external borders, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, police cooperation, protection of personal data. It reviews the main controversies linked to these policies. Thirdly, the course examines the role played by European, national and international actors in the field of internal security, highlighting their respective contributions and inter-institutional dynamics. Finally, the course examines the external dimension of AFSJ policies and the role of non-European actors in influencing or challenging these policies.
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :
	Acquire a comprehensive knowledge of the main policies and actors at the core of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ).
	Identify, understand and analyse recent and on-going controversies concerning sensitive topics of European, national and global governance.
	3 Gather related informational material and use relevant legal sources for this purpose.
Evaluation methods	Written examination.  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 aims to provide a synthetic and critical view of the European Union's action in the areas covered by Title V of the TFEU: the area of freedom, security and justice (AFSJ). It aims to provide students with a sound knowledge of the historical, political and legal foundations of Member States' cooperation in the field of justice and home affairs. It does so by examining some of the fundamental concepts and principles of cooperation in justice and home affairs that stem from Article 67 TFEU, which defines the area of freedom, security and justice. At the end of this course, students should be able to:
	<ul> <li>Understand the basic concepts and principles governing EU cooperation in the field of justice and home affairs;</li> <li>Identify the main issues and tensions in the area of freedom, security and justice;</li> <li>Apply the different basic concepts and principles to concrete cases;</li> <li>Find and use legal sources in the field of AFSJ, including the Treaties, secondary legislation and the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union;</li> <li>Participate in academic and public debate on current AFSJ issues.</li> </ul>
Other infos	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 European Studies	EURO2M	5		<b>Q</b>		