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5.00 credits

30.0 h

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Language :	English
Place of the course	Mons
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>This course is interested in the dynamics of European integration and the theories that have been devised to make sense of it and of European policies. It will focus on the EU from a comparative perspective, using the tools that Political science has developed overtime in order to understand how political systems operate in general. In doing so, the course will review: the three major powers within the EU and their institutional interactions; the interplay of the variety of actors who act on the European multilevel arena in order to contribute to the definition of the policies that are produced by the EU; a mix of domestic and outward-oriented EU policies. The course will also explore the idiosyncrasies of the EU as a governance sphere that borrows from a diversity of government models and modes of interactions between the actors of the political and social realms.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p><u>First exam session</u></p> <p>This course combines three modes of evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral presentation (in group or individually) (30%) • Permanent evaluation (discussion and in-class participation) (20%) • Written research assignment (50%) <p>Students cannot pass the course if (i) they do not participate in all three modes; or (ii) they fail the research paper.</p> <p><u>Second exam session</u></p> <p>The grades obtained for the oral presentation and the permanent evaluation cannot be changed in the second exam session.</p> <p>Use of Artificial Intelligence for this course is forbidden.</p>
Teaching methods	Lectures and interactive sessions in a logic of flipped classrooms.
Content	<p>Part I - The European Union: regional governance regime and international actor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of European integration in its global context • Theories of European integration and its actorness • The EU: a system of regional governance (actors and decision-making) <p>Part II - International activity of the EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Common Foreign, Security, and Defense Policy (CFSP/CSDP) • External relations of the European Union • The EU as key player in international organizations • The promotion and export of the regional governance system
Inline resources	All relevant information and documentation will be shared via « Moodle ».

Bibliography	<p>Useful academic books</p> <p>Barbé E., Costa O., Kissack R. (eds.), 2016, <i>EU policy responses to a shifting multilateral system</i>, London: Palgrave Macmillan</p> <p>Bigo D., Diez Th., Fanoulis E., Rosamond B. and Y. A. Stivachtis (eds.), 2021, <i>The Routledge Handbook of Critical European Studies</i>, London: Routledge</p> <p>Bulmer S., Parker O., Bache I., George S., and Ch. Burns (eds.), 2020, <i>Politics in the European Union</i>, Oxford University Press</p> <p>Bremberg N., Danielson A., Hedling E. and A. Michalski, 2022. <i>The Everyday Making of EU Foreign and Security Policy. Practices, Socialization and the Management of Dissent</i>, Cheltenham and Northampton: Edward Elgar</p> <p>Cini M. and N. Pérez-Solórzano Borragán (eds.), 2022, <i>European Union Politics</i>, 7th edition, Oxford University Press</p> <p>Hill C., Smith M. and S. Vanhoonacker, (eds.), 2023, <i>International Relations and the European Union</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 4th edition</p> <p>Hix S. and B. Høyland, 2022, <i>The political system of the European Union</i>, 4th ed. London: Bloomsbury</p> <p>Hodson D., Puetter U., Saurugger S. and J. Peterson, 2022, <i>The Institutions of the European Union</i>, 5th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press</p> <p>Jorgensen K.-E., Aarstad A., Drieskens E., Laatikainen K. and Tonra B. (eds.), 2015, <i>The SAGE Handbook of European Foreign Policy</i></p> <p>Keukeleire S. and Delreux T., 2022, <i>The foreign policy of the European Union</i>, Basingstoke: Palgrave, Macmillan, 3rd ed.</p> <p>Langan M. and S. Price (eds.), 2025, <i>Africa, the EU and the Samoa Agreement. Exploring African Agency Amid the 'New Scramble'</i>, Routledge</p> <p>McCormick J., 2020, <i>Understanding the European Union. A Concise Introduction</i>, 8th ed., The European Union Series, Bloomsbury</p> <p>Orsini A. and E. Kavvatha (eds.), 2025, <i>EU Environmental Governance</i>, 2nd ed. Routledge</p> <p>Riddervold M., Trondal J. and A. Newsome (eds.), 2021, <i>The Palgrave Handbook of EU Crises</i>, Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p>Wallace H., Pollack M. A., Roederer-Rynning Ch. and A. R. Young (eds.), 2025, <i>Policy-Making in the European Union</i>, Oxford University Press, 9th ed.</p> <p>Wiener A., Börzel T. and Risse T. (eds.), 2018, <i>European Integration Theory</i>, 3rd edition Oxford: Oxford University Press</p> <p>Wunderlich J.-U. and Bailey D. (eds.), 2015, <i>The European Union and Global Governance: A Handbook</i>. London: Routledge</p> <p>Useful Academic Journals</p> <p>East European Politics</p> <p>European Foreign Affairs Review</p> <p>European Political Science (EPS)</p> <p>European Politics and Society</p> <p>European Union Politics</p> <p>Journal of Common Market Studies</p> <p>Journal of Contemporary European Research</p> <p>Journal of European Integration</p> <p>Journal of European Public Policy</p> <p>Politique européenne (EN and FR)</p> <p>West European Politics</p>
Faculty or entity in charge	PSAD

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [60] in Political Sciences: General	SPOM2M1	5		
Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations	PRIM2M	5		