



EUROPEAN INTEGRATION I

OBJECTIVES

The course presents the main features of the European Union budget, its distribution and the different sources of income. It also provides the main elements of analysis regarding the different policies of the European Union in agriculture, fishing, competition, industry, energy transports, environment and consumption. The student shall be able to distinguish between those policies and competences applying at the national level and those at the European level.

Unit 1: The European Union's budget

- a) The evolution of the EEC/EU's finances since 1957. How the EU acquired its own independent financing system.
- b) Sources of revenue for the EU budget.
- c) Spending structure of the EU budget.
- d) The process of drafting the EU's budget.
- e) The Financial Perspectives. How do the 2007-2013 ones differ from the previous ones and which were the main sources of friction during their negotiation.
- f) Future budget reform in the EU, the budget balance of the Member States and the introduction of new common European taxes.
- g) The mid-term review of the 2007-2013 Financial Perspective in 2009: How will CAP spending and the British rebate fare.

Unit 2: Economic freedoms and the Single Market

- a) Definition of common market and basic economic freedoms.
- b) The EU's Single market: its creation and impact.
- c) The Single European Act and the Single Market Program
- d) Barriers removed and remaining to the free movement of goods.
- e) Barriers removed and remaining to the free movement of labor.
- f) Barriers removed and remaining to the free movement of capital.
- g) Barriers removed and remaining to the freedom in establishing and providing services.

Unit 3: The Competition Policy

- a) The justification for the EU's Competition Policy.
- b) Forbidden agreements between companies.
- c) Abuse of a dominant position.
- d) Mergers and Acquisitions.
- e) State aid.
- f) Public monopolies with special rights.

Unit 4: The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

- a) Justification for the CAP's existence.
- b) Creation and Evolution of the CAP.
- c) Objectives and instruments of the CAP: the Agricultural Market Organizations (AMOs)
- d) The CAP's financing.
- e) The CAP's successive reforms in the 1980s, 90s and beyond.
- f) The future of the CAP.
- g) The common fishing policy.

Unit 5: The European Union's internal policies (I): energy, industrial and technological policies

- a) The European Union's energy policy.
- b) The European Union's industrial policy and strategy.
- c) The European Union's technological policy.

Unit 6: The European Union's internal policies (II): transportation, environmental and consumer policies

- a) The European Union's transportation policy.
- b) The European Union's environmental policy.
- c) The European Union's consumer policy.

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Newspapers and newsmagazines

The Economist
The Financial Times
The International Herald Tribune
The European Voice

Web Links

General web link of the European Union : <http://www.europa.eu.int>

Specific links for each chapter:

INTERNET LINKS

<u>Topic/Chapter</u>	(please see also the general Course bibliography)
1. The economic integration theory and the European case	http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/GSSI/eu.html
2. The EU policies: significance and budgetary resources	http://www.europarl.eu.int/dg4/factsheets/es/151.htm
3. The future of EU: Agenda 2000, between intensification and enlargement	http://europa.eu.int
4. The single market: the four liberties (1).	http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/internal_market/index_en.htm
5. The single market: the four liberties (2).	http://ue.eu.int
6. Competition policy	http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/dg04/public/en/rap98.htm
7. The Internal Market Program.	http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/dg15/en/update/action/index.htm
8. Consumer protection policy.	http://www.ocde.org
9. Agricultural policy (1).	http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/dg06/index_es.htm
10. Agricultural policy (2).	http://www.fao.org
11. Rural, forestry and water resources and fisheries policies.	http://www.rural-europe.aeidl.be/
12. Transport policy.	http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/transport/index_es.htm
13. Energy policy.	http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy/index_es.htm
14. Industrial policy.	http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/dg03/publicat/doc/compbus.pdf
15. R + D + D policies.	http://www.cordis.lu
16. Small and medium-sized enterprises policy.	http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/dg23/business/info/eic/eic.html
17. Environment policy.	http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/news/natura

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GRADING POLICY

The course grade will be determined on the following basis:

Final Exam:	70%
Presentation	30%

REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive a final overall grade, the student has to write the final exam. Should the student not do the final exam, he/she will get a "Not present" grade.

Those students who did not pass the course in December or did not show up, have the opportunity to take an examination on September 2009. The criteria applied to these students will be the same that the one mentioned above.