



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2003/2004

GRA 5912 The New Europe: EU Institutions and the Single Market

Program

N/A

Responsible for the course

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Department

Public Governance

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

This is the School's introductory European Union course. It requires no previous knowledge, and may be taken as the first of four courses in the Minor on the European Union. The focus is on the EU's history and institutions, and the Single European Market in particular.

Objective

This course provides an introduction to the political and economic system of the European Union. It is designed to provide students with tools and frameworks for analysing the impact of the current process of closer economic integration and the constitutional development of the European Union. The course covers the evolution of European integration up to and including the current constitutional convention. It provides an introduction to the institutions of the EU the decision making processes, including a 'firms-eye' perspective on European integration. The core theme is the development of the internal market in Europe: the completion of the Single European Market. Associated topics include Economic and Monetary Union, EU economic and company regulation, regulation of working time, and lobbying. The course is designed as a complete stand-alone course, but may be complemented by further courses that focus on EU policies, lobbying in the EU and the European Economic Area and Enlargement.

Prerequisites

None

Compulsory literature

Nugent, Neil. 2003. *The Government and Politics of the European Union*. 5th ed. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peterson, John and Michael Shakleton, eds. 2002. *The Institutions of the European Union*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Compendium of Recent Journal Articles

Recommended literature

Andersen, Svein S. and Kjell A. Eliassen, eds. 2001. *Making policy in Europe: The Europeification of National Policy-Making*. 2nd ed. London: Sage.

Arnall, Anthony and Daniel Wincott, eds. 2002. *Accountability and Legitimacy in the European Union*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

El-Agraa, Ali M., ed. 2001. *The European Union: Economics and Policies*. 6th ed. New York: Prentice Hall.

George, Stephen and Ian Bache. 2001. *Politics in the European Union*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Hayes-Renshaw, Fiona and Helen Wallace. 1997. *The Council of Ministers*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Hitiris, Theodore. 2003. *European Union Economics*. 5th ed. London: FT Prentice Hall.

Hix, Simon. 1999. *The Political System of the European Union*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Levitt, Malcolm and Christopher Lord. 2000. *The Political Economy of Monetary Union*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Neill Nugent. 2001. *The European Commission*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Course outline

Topics covered include: The EU political and economic system, the history of the EU, the European institutions (the Council of Ministers, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the European Parliament) and decision making procedures; the Single European Market and related market regulation (competition policy, company rules, and social and environment policies); Economic and Monetary Union; as well as current developments in constitutional, institutional and treaty reform (the Convention and Intergovernmental Conferences). The course also covers relationship between the EU and EFTA countries and the operation of the European Economic Area, with some focus on Norway and the implications of EU developments for Norwegian business and industry.

Computer-based tools

None

Course structure

Evaluation

Final 3 hours written examination at end of term

Evaluation code(s)

GRA59122

Aids at the examination

All

Makeup exam

At the next regular exam