

The EU in the International System

Theme/Topic:	The EU in the International System
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Character:	optional
ECTS-Credits:	3 Credit-points
Teaching methods:	lecture, seminar and discussion at the presence workshop
Assessment methods:	final exam at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in workshop and forum discussion
Language:	English

Objective and course content:

This course will examine the foreign relations of the European Union.

The first part reviews the EU's decision-making institutions and procedures in this area (and in particular in the European Community pillar and Common Foreign and Security Policy pillar); the second analyses the EU's relations with a wide variety of countries and organisations around the world, including the US, Eastern Europe and the UN; the final part considers the future of the EU's foreign relations. The core questions considered during this course are: does the EU produce 'foreign policy'? How significant and influential an international actor is the EU? Is the area of foreign, security and defence policy-making becoming more integrated?