

First year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

History of European Integration

Theme/Topic:	History of European Integration
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Character:	Compulsory
ECTS Credits:	3 ECTS credits
Teaching methods:	Lecture, seminar and discussion at the presence workshop, guided forum
Assessment methods:	Final exam at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in workshop and forum discussion
Skills and competences:	Capacity to use history as a source for understanding current problems, working with historical sources. Comprehending European integration as a step-by-step process.

Objective and course content:

Participants receive a general vision of historical factors shaping European integration in the cold war period of international relations and after 1989 in the period of globalization. By the end of the course they are able to distinguish between different periods of the integration process and know their main characteristics and dynamics. The course is intended to frame a set of structural and historical patterns which can explain the integration dynamics and its stagnation, factors related to internal (functional) as well as external (competition with superpowers and nation states) constraints. Participants will understand the relation between the enlargement of the European Union and the internal processes of deepening of intra-state cooperation and supranational decision-making. The module helps participants to better assess the arguments of opponents of European integration and to place them into their historical context. Also, participants will be able to use historical inquiry in order to validate or disprove the different theories of European integration.

Bibliographical advice and links:

Universiteit Leiden, History of European Integration: <http://www.history.leidenuniv.nl>