

Justice and Home Affairs

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This course starts with a general introduction to the history and context of Justice and Home Affairs co-operation (JHA). Part I of the course analyses selected policy areas, such as immigration, asylum, external border co-operation and civil justice co-operation, for which the European Community now has competence. An analysis will be offered of the decision-making process, the role and influence of institutional and national actors, the body of legislation, and the implementation in the member states of the EU. Part II of the course will deal with the security aspects of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ), in particular the control of terrorism and transnational organised crime through a series of agencies, such as Europol and Eurojust. This part follows the same line, namely a focus on the role of actors, decision-making processes, legislation and implementation. Throughout the course, general aspects, such as enhanced co-operation, JHA as a component of the EU's external relations, the influence of the EU Constitutional Treaty, and the past and future enlargement process are also addressed.