



ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2019-2020

COURSE TITLE

The EU and its Southeastern Neighbours: Accession, Reconciliation, Security

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Optional Specialist Course

MAJOR(S)

EUN

ECTS CREDITS

4

CONTACT HOURS

20

INDIVIDUAL STUDY TIME

80

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

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LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students should be able to better understand the political, economic and security situation in South Eastern Europe that has been mostly disregarded so far in the EU studies literature, as well as the new edition of the EU integration process, tailor-made for this region. In addition, students will be able to pursue their own research of either individual countries or of EU accession-related issues, or do comparative analyses within the region or among this and other European regions.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

This 20-hour course consists of interactive lectures with discussion. Each of ten topics is covered in 120 minutes, half of which is reserved for a lecture and the other half for discussion with and among students, on the basis of recommended literature that students have to read in advance. In the second half of the course a part of the discussion time will be reserved for oral students' presentations.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

The final mark for the course will be based on:

1. A 2 hour closed-book, written exam (with two chosen essay questions out of three offered), that carries a maximum of 60% of the final mark;
2. A 15-minute oral presentation, accompanied by a power-point presentation, on a topic previously agreed with the professor. As the whole course offers the perspective of the Western Balkan region as a whole, presentations will cover individual country-specific topics. Topics will be distributed early into the course and students will have presentations in the second half of the course, during the second part of each of

lectures 6-10. A presentation carries a maximum of 25% of the final mark.

3. Activity in class that carries a maximum of 15% of the final mark. Students are supposed to participate actively in discussion, contributing to the issues raised and asking questions, on the basis of suggested literature that they have to read in advance. Depending on the number of participants, class participation element may be suppressed, with 15% of the final mark being re-allocated to the exam.

Retake examinations, i.e. exams passed in the second examination session, will have the same format as those taken during the first exam session. The only exception concerns oral exams, which are replaced in the second exam session by written exams. When a student takes an examination during the second session, the final mark for the course is based solely on the result of the retake examination. No other element of evaluation which would have been taken into consideration in the calculation of the final mark during the first examination session will be considered in the second session.

COURSE CONTENTS

Topics of the lectures:

- Difficult Post-Communist and Post-Conflict Transition in the Western Balkans;
- The EU and the Western Balkans: Institutions, Policies, Mutual Relations;
- EU Crisis and the Western Balkans;
- State Building, Democracy and Good Governance in the Western Balkans;
- EU Enlargement and the Western Balkans;
- Western Balkans in the EU: Challenges and Perspectives;
- Regional Cooperation and EU Integration in the Western Balkans;
- Non-Western Competitors in the Western Balkans;
- Security in the Western Balkans;
- Reconciliation in the Western Balkans.

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

All assigned articles and chapters, listed in the Course Outline, are available in electronic form.