



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2020-2021

COURSE TITLE

Asia-EU Relations: Opportunities and Challenges

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR

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COURSE TYPE

Optional Specialist Course

MAJOR

EUW

ECTS CREDITS

4

CONTACT HOURS

20

INDIVIDUAL STUDY TIME

80

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

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LANGUAGE

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Students will acquire an in-depth understanding of the various facets of the EU-Asia relationship and how it fits in with the EU's strategy for enhanced global engagement and relevance in areas such as trade, political and strategic dialogue, security, human rights, development cooperation and humanitarian aid. Students will be able to gain insight into the challenges and opportunities that the EU faces as it seeks to develop closer ties with Asia and the role of Asia in the EU's foreign policy. Students will have an opportunity to engage in critical thinking on how the EU and Asia can become stronger partners in an uncertain and rapidly-changing world.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students acquire in-depth knowledge of and are able to analyse the role and presence of the EU in Asia in areas such as geopolitics, multilateral institutions, trade, investment, sustainable development, energy, economic governance, security and health. Students are able to reflect critically on how the EU and Asia interact and influence each other as well as how the two regions and their people perceive each other.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lively and interactive lectures, group discussions, and student presentations.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

- 50% of the final mark: 2 hour closed-book written examination (limit 4 pages). The written exam will last for 2 hours and will include 2 essay questions from which students will be asked to answer 1 question.

- 20% of the final mark: group paper (between 950 and 1.050 words per student participating in the group paper).
- 20% of the final mark: group presentation (on the topic of the group research paper).
- 10% of the final mark: class participation. If the number of students participating to the course exceeds 20, the percentages of the class participation mark will be reallocated to the final exam. In that case, the final exam will constitute 60% of the final mark.

The College of Europe reserves the right to change the delivery and assessment of the course in case of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the College (force majeure). Any communication from the campus administration in this regard takes precedence over the information provided in this ECTS card.

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.” (art. 28 of the Specific Provisions)

COURSE CONTENTS

The course will be organized around key themes of relevance in EU-Asia relations. Special attention will also be given to EU relations with China, India, ASEAN, and Japan.

Session 1: General introduction to Asia and to EU-Asia relations: general background and short history on the development of EU-Asia relations.

Session 2: EU-Asia political and security cooperation: the EU’s strategic partners in the region and outstanding issues.

Session 3: EU-Asia economic cooperation: the pivotal role of trade and business, EU development cooperation in the region.

Session 4: The EU’s region-building efforts in Asia as manifested in its support of ASEAN and the growing significance of EU-ASEAN ties in EU foreign policy.

Session 5: The Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) and its relevance as the EU seeks to compete with other “great powers” in the region.

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Reading list (consult Course Outline), PowerPoint presentation, student presentation handouts.