



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2020-2021

COURSE TITLE

The Legal Dimension of EU External Relations

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

LANNON Erwan & MARESCEAU Marc

ACADEMIC ASSISTANT(S)

BRESKAYA Maria

COURSE TYPE

Optional Specialist Course

MAJOR(S)

EUN

ECTS CREDITS

4

CONTACT HOURS

20

INDIVIDUAL STUDY TIME

80

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

1

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course aims at developing a critical understanding of the external relations of the European Union from a legal perspective. The first part of the course, taught by Professor Erwan Lannon, concentrates on the legal dimension of EU's external relations through an analysis of the evolution of the competences, legal basis and instruments (mainly agreements) used by the EU to structure its relations with its main partners around the world and in its neighbourhood. The second part of the course, taught by Professor Marc Maresceau, gives, from a legal perspective a comparative overview of the relationships between the enlarged EU and the EU's "old neighbours" not included in the ENP. Among others: Russia, Turkey and Switzerland. This part also includes reflections on the European Economic Area (EEA) and the relations EU-UK after Brexit. The course combines lectures and discussions with students.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course students should be able to:

- Understand the specific legal nature and variety of relationships established by the EU with its main partners in its neighbourhood and beyond and be able to make a comparative analysis of the various legal frameworks organising these relationships;
- Understand the role and importance of the various legal basis and instruments, in particular the various types of agreements and overall legal structures used to link the EU to its main partners;

Develop a critical argumentation on the key aspects of the EU's relations with its main partners and to present and discuss issues of specific significance such as the BREXIT or the neighbours of the EU's neighbours

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lectures and discussions.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Two-hour, in-class written examination (100%). Two questions: one for each of the two parts of the course. They are 'essay questions'. The answer must be properly structured. It is a closed-book exam and the number of pages is limited (8-10 depending on the types of questions).

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.

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COURSE CONTENTS

Part I (Professor Erwan Lannon):

- Session 1: Introduction : the development of EU competences and instruments in the field of external relations, from Rome to Lisbon
- Session 2 The current EU's external relations legal architecture: an excessive or a necessary differentiation? Case Study: the ENP
- Session 3 Main challenges ahead: Reinforcing the consistency and the articulation of EU's policies, strategies and instruments and overcoming geographical silos. Case Study: the neighbours of EU's neighbours and the EU-League of Arab States track

Part II (Professor Marc Maresceau):

- Session 1: Introduction: Overview of the legal framework of EU enlargement and of the relations between the EU and neighbours not involved in the ENP
- Sessions 2, 3 & 4: Case-studies:
 - European Economic Area (EEA) and EU-Switzerland
 - EU-Turkey and EU-Russia
 - EU-UK after Brexit

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Use of a syllabus (including official documents, excerpts of scientific articles), Internet websites, PowerPoint presentation (consult Course Outline).