



College of Europe  
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Natolin

## ECTS CARD

### STUDY PROGRAMME(S) / STUDY TRACK(S)

Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary Studies  
Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs (Study Track: European Interdisciplinary Studies)

### YEAR

2026-2027

### COURSE TITLE

**The EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Strategies: a Geo-Legal Approach**

### SEMESTER

1

### PROFESSOR(S)

LANNON Erwan

### ACADEMIC ASSISTANT(S)

HAMMAMI Amel

### COURSE TYPE

Core Course

### MAJOR(S)

Not applicable

### ECTS CREDITS

4

### TEACHING HOURS

20

### INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

80

### TUTORIAL(S)

### COEFFICIENT

1

### LANGUAGE(S)

EN

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this core course is to analyse the EU's relations with its Southern neighbourhoods at large, including North Africa, the Middle East, the 'neighbours of EU's neighbours', the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. Through a combination of lectures, discussions, and case studies, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the key issues and challenges of the EU's relations with its Southern Neighbourhoods. The course combines geopolitics, geostrategy and law, with an emphasis on the security dimension and the diplomatic track, to provide an in-depth analysis of complex relationships.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, the students will be able to:

- 1) Understand the EU's relations with its Southern neighbourhoods at large, including North Africa, the Middle East, the 'neighbours of EU's neighbours', the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean (A6, A7, MATA1.6);
- 2) Analyse various aspects of EU's complex relationships with its Southern neighbours by combining geopolitics, geostrategy and law with an emphasis on the security dimension (A7, MATA1.6);
- 3) Critically reflect on a range of issues in the EU's international relations, develop well-informed and evidence-based points of view, and to communicate these effectively (B4, MATA2.2).

### RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None.

### TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lectures, discussions and case-studies.

### ASSESSMENT METHOD(S)

Assessment is based on the following elements:

- Final exam (100% of the final mark): **Oral examination** onsite, lasting 25 min (10 min presentation and 15 min Q&A) with preparation time. Students choose three questions (out of 15) and select one to be answered. Preparation time is 20 min. Students may consult only the Lisbon Treaty and the Syllabus (both provided by the College).

### COURSE CONTENTS

Introduction

Chapter I The EU and the Mediterranean: from Rome to Barcelona

Chapter II The EU and the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean: A Complex Relationship

Chapter III The EU-Arab Diplomatic and Security Tracks

Chapter IV The neighbours of EU's neighbours: the Southern Dimensions

Conclusion

### COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

A detailed syllabus with references will be provided. It includes readings material, resources, bibliography.