



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

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COURSE TITLE

The role of the European Council

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COURSE TYPE

Compact Seminar

MAJOR(S)

EPAP

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

SEMESTER

2

TEACHING HOURS

10

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

The students will understand the European Council's perspective on the institutional structure of the European Union, European values, foreign policy making, the geopolitical role of the EU, the recent recovery plan, and the Conference on the future of Europe.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

A3: Students acquire a sound understanding of the functioning of the institutions of the European Union, its decision-making processes and its principal policies. They are able critically to analyse and evaluate the legitimacy and efficacy of EU institutions and processes.

A5: Students acquire a sound understanding of EU economic integration, including monetary union and the making of EU economic policy in its global context. They are able to employ quantitative data and basic economic theory to analyse and evaluate the effectiveness of EU economic policies.

A6: Students acquire a sound understanding of the EU's role as an actor in world affairs, its perception by external actors and its relations with key specific countries and regions. They are able to analyze and evaluate the making and effectiveness of EU foreign policy.

B2: Students develop core leadership skills in setting and achieving collective goals, overcoming setbacks, managing group dynamics, equitably empowering others and building mutual trust.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lectures, discussions.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

The compact seminar will be assessed on a 'pass/fail' basis through:

- an online multiple-choice test (80% of the mark) at the end of the final course session - 15 minutes to answer 7 questions, and
- overall attendance (20% of the mark).

The weighted average of both assessment elements needs to be equal or greater than 50% for a student to pass the compact seminar.

Each student is entitled to re-taking the test once. The re-take test would account for 80% of the mark whilst overall attendance would account for the remaining 20%.

Since compact seminars carry no ECTS credits, the final result will be present on the transcript, but will have no impact on students' final average, nor on overall grade, nor on attaining the diploma.

COURSE CONTENTS

- The institutional structure of the European Union from a point of view of the European Council,
- The role of the European Council in foreign policy,
- The geopolitical role of the EU
- Unity, solidarity, strategic autonomy, and Conference on the future of Europe.

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

- Sergio Fabrini and Uwe Puetter, "Integration without supranationalisation: studying the lead roles of the European Council and the Council in the post-Lisbon EU politics", *Journal of European Integration*, Vol. 38, No. 5, 2016, pp.481-495.
- Neil Nugent, *The Government and Politics of the European Union* 8th Edition, London: Pallgrave, 2017. Chapter 11: The European Council
- Luuk van Middelaar and Philippe Van Parijs (eds.), *After the storm: How to save democracy in Europe*, Tiel: Lanoo, 2015.
- Herman van Rompuy, *L'Europe dans la tempête : Leçons et défis*, Brussels: Racine, 2014.
- Wolfgang Wessels, *The European Council*, London and New York: Pallgrave Macmillan, 2016.