



College of Europe
Collège d'Europe

Brugge



Natolin

ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

EU Enlargement Policy - Past and Present

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Core Course

MAJOR(S)

EPAP

ECTS CREDITS

4

TEACHING HOURS

20

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

80

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

1

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

To familiarise students with political and legal aspects of EU enlargements, past and future.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Familiarity with main political and legal features of previous seven enlargement rounds,
- Knowledge of conditionality and benchmarking as cornerstones of contemporary EU Pre-accession Policy,
- Understanding of association with the European Union and how Association Agreements may serve as vehicles for accession,
- Familiarity with the main stages and substance of accession negotiations,
- Knowledge of legal parameters of accession to the European Union: accession treaties and principle of immediate effect of EU law
- Understanding of various transitional and phasing-in regimes laid down in accession treaties.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

A F. Tatham, *Enlargement of the European Union* (Wolters Kluwer 2009)

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Interactive lectures

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Exam (50%) 2-hour, digital, in-class, closed-book, written exam

Essay (50 %) research essay (between 2700 minimum, and 3300 words maximum)

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COURSE CONTENTS

Membership of the European Union

Evolution of pre-accession policy

Conditionality and benchmarking

Association Agreements as vehicles to EU accession

Accession negotiations

Accession treaties as a source of EU law

Principle of immediate effect of EU law

Transitional arrangements and phasing in mechanisms in EU accession process

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

See Course outline