



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

Politics of Climate Change

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Contextual Course

MAJOR(S)

Not applicable

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

TEACHING HOURS

10

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course is an introduction to the politics of climate change and examines foundational concepts that influence its development. The students will take a comprehensive view on the climate change policy looking at it through the prism of: (i) technological advancement; (ii) just transition; and (iii) international solidarity. Focusing on the most recent events and socio-economic developments, the course will critically reflect on institutional responses to the climate crisis and delivery of COP goals. The students will be invited to combine academic and policymaker approaches to re-think the current solutions and excavate the most important components of just transition.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will:

1. obtain a foundational knowledge about main drivers of politics of climate change;
2. get introduced to institutional frameworks for shaping climate policy;
3. get an insight into policymaker's toolkit and dilemmas;
4. gain a critical appreciation of international climate change policy and learn about main political and economic trends influencing it.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

The course has no prerequisites and does not assume any prior knowledge of climate change policy and political processes surrounding its formation.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lectures + discussions based on readings and case studies

* The content of this ECTS card is based on the information from the 2022-23 academic year and may be subject to change.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

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

- an online multiple-choice closed-book 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 course.

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 contextual courses 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

Class 1 – Introduction: politics, economics and the climate change

Class 2 – Development: technological advancement and new perspectives

Class 3 - The people: just and unjust transitions

Class 4 – International Solidarity

Class 5 - Policymaker's perspective: propping up support for climate policy

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Readings indicated in the course outline.