



College of Europe
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Natolin

ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

Digital Economy

SEMESTER

2

COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Specialist 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 learn how to identify issues in EU digital markets and design optimal policy responses.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be expected to grasp fundamental analytical tools to understand, analyse and assess the impact of EU digital policies on the European economy and society. The 'fil-rouge' of the course will be the European Commission's digital agenda. The approach will be both theoretical and pragmatic: the goal of the course is to prepare students to give an informed and economically sound advice to a hypothetical EU Commissioner for digital affairs.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

Background reading (sources to be recommended by course professor).

The content of the course can be complemented by content of Compact Seminar "La réglementation des marchés en ligne".

TEACHING METHOD(S)

The approach will combine lectures with class presentations.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

- 50% assessment on the basis of the group oral presentation,
- 50% assessment from a 2h digital, open-book, in-class, written exam - with students required to answer 2 out of 3 suggested open questions with a strict limit of 700 words per question.

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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.

COURSE CONTENTS

Theme 1: Towards a Digital Economy: digitalisation: history and context, global trends, and overview of digital policies across the world; the Digital Single Market strategy and a Europe fit for the Digital Age; facts about the European digital economy; digital disruption and innovation.

Theme 2: Digital Infrastructure: telecoms: network investment and regulatory approaches; the data economy; digital government; cyber-security.

Theme 3: Digital Markets: On-line platforms: introduction, competition policy and ex-ante regulation in digital markets; on-line content and platform liability; e-commerce, digital trade and taxation regimes; the sharing economy.

Theme 4: Digital Society: Technology and employment; digital inequality; disinformation.

Theme 5: Artificial Intelligence: Artificial Intelligence is a broad theme which encompasses everything touched upon during the course.

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Mario Mariniello, "Digital Economic Policy", OUP 2022

References to readings/academic articles will be given during the course together with the PowerPoint slides.