



College of Europe
Collège d'Europe



Natolin

ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice of the EU: From Theory to Practice

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Compact Seminar

MAJOR(S)

EPAP

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

TEACHING HOURS

10

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not
applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course will allow students to study an interdisciplinary way, the major issues relating to the EU's Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, and to understand its main political and legal stakes. It will feature both academic and practical perspectives and will focus on police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, as well as on the fight against terrorism.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

During the course, the students will:

- become familiar with the most important achievements and challenges in the fields of Justice and Home Affairs;
- learn to put the main EU policies in this area into broader perspective and critically examine them;
- explore the EU response to terrorism since 9/11 and the role of Counter-Terrorism Coordinator as a governance innovation;
- examine the evolution of the terrorist threat including threat linked to AQ and ISIS, the violent extremisms and the COVID crisis.
- discuss the main challenges in counter-terrorism response including information sharing environment, disruptive technologies, and new forms of extremisms.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

We recommend you familiarise yourself with the assigned readings that will be indicated on the e-learning page.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

The course will be divided into 5 parts (2 hours each). In-class discussion and interaction with students will be strongly encouraged.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

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

- an online closed-book 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 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 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

- Part 1: The internal and external dimensions of the area of freedom, security and justice: developments and main challenges - focus on criminal law (2 hours)
- Part 2: Judicial cooperation in criminal matters through the European arrest warrant and a few representative cases (2 hours)
- Part 3: European players in judicial cooperation in criminal matters (Eurojust, the European Public Prosecutor's Office) (2 hours)
- Part 4: Evolution of the threat (linked to AQ and ISIS, right and left-wing violent extremism, impact of the COVID crisis) and the EU response to terrorism since 9/11 (2 hours)
- Part 5: The main challenges in counter-terrorism response including information sharing environment, disruptive technologies, technophobia. The external aspects of counterterrorism, including EU-US cooperation. (2 hours)

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Students will be given access to the power point presentations and readings through the e-learning platform.