

BA European Union Studies

Law and Economics of European Integration

Semester 2, 2014-2015

Course Code: 5770M0056

ECTS: 5.0

Language of instruction: English

Time and place: Monday: 15:00 - 17:00, from February 2 to May 11, Lipsius/028

Blackboard: see Blackboard.

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I. Course Description:

Two of the first supranational European projects, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Economic Community, were both legal entities based on economic institutions and economic regulation. Nearly all of the major legal steps towards the European Union taken in the following years also had a clear economic rationale. These included the creation of a Common Agricultural Policy, the introduction of regional and social policies, and the creation of an Economic and Monetary Union. Europe's recent expansion to the east has also brought forward several economic challenges. Most recently, Europe has been dealing with a severe financial and economic crisis that may require new initiatives in the field of European integration.

This course aims to provide students with a thorough understanding of the legal aspects and economic rationales behind the process of European integration and the current economic challenges facing the European Union. To do so, it will first introduce students with the basics of EU law, economic and trade theory.

II. Course objectives:

- To provide students with a basic understanding of the law and economics behind the process of European integration and the main policies of the European Union.
- To provide students with an understanding of the current legal and economic challenges facing the European Union.

III. Assessment method

The mark will be based on a midterm exam (40%) and a final exam (60%).

IV. Attendance

This course is taught in 2-hour lecture sessions. Eleven sessions are scheduled. If you miss more than one session without genuine extenuating circumstances, your work will not be marked.

V. Required reading and further sources

1. Required course textbook

The textbook for this course is Ali M. El-Agraa, *The European Union: Economics and Policies*, 9th edition 2011, Cambridge University Press

You will also need your own copy of the basic EU legislation. These are to be found most conveniently either in Kenner, *European Union Legislation* (Routledge Student Statutes), or in Blackstone's *EU Treaties and Legislation*, edited by Nigel Foster, Oxford University Press. **You are requested to bring a copy of EU legislation to every class!**

2. Suggested (but not mandatory) textbooks

- Paul de Grauwe, *The Economics of Monetary Union*, Cambridge University Press
- Wim Meeusen, *The Economic Crisis and European Integration*, Edward Elgar
- Joha van Overtveldt: *The End of the Euro: The Uneasy Future of the European Union*, Agate Publishing

VI. Registration:

Via uSis

VII. Admission requirements

BSA minimal (40ects)

VIII. Schedule

Week	Date	Seminar
1	2.2.	Introduction <i>Reading: El-Agraa, The European Union, Chapters 1 and 5</i>
2	9.2.	No seminar (Dies natalis)
3	16.2.	Theory of economic integration <i>Reading: El-Agraa, The European Union, Chapters 6</i>
4	23.2.	The legal framework of EU integration I: General principles of EU law <i>Reading: El-Agraa, The European Union, Chapter 4</i>
5	2.3.	The legal framework of EU integration II: The EU and the Member States <i>Reading: To be provided on blackboard</i>
6	9.3.	The legal framework of EU integration III: Judicial review and Human Rights <i>Reading: To be provided on blackboard</i>
7	16.3.	Internal Market I: Introduction <i>Reading: El-Agraa, The European Union, Chapter 7</i>
8	23.3.	Midterm exam: Monday, 23 March, 13:00 – 15:00, Lipsius/011
9	30.3.	Internal Market II: The Four Freedoms <i>Reading: El-Agraa, The European Union, Chapter 8</i>
10	6.4.	No seminar (Easter holiday)
11	13.4.	The Economic and Monetary Union <i>Reading: El-Agraa, The European Union, Chapters 10, 11 and 12</i>
12	20.4.	EU Economic Policies I: Competition Policy <i>Reading: El-Agraa, The European Union, Chapter 13</i>
13	27.4.	No seminar (King's day)
14	4.5	EU Economic Policies II: The control of State Aid <i>To be provided on Blackboard</i>
15	11.5.	Current challenges to EU integration <i>Reading: Quality newspapers</i>
	27.5.	Final exam: Wednesday, 27 May, 16:00 – 18:00, Lipsius/003
	15.6.	Retake exam: Monday, 15 June, 15:00 – 17:00, Lipsius/228