

Course title: Understanding Europe	Credits* 5	Course code -
Type of the course EQFS level: 6th Lecture 1/week Practice 0/week	Assessment: Examination 60% Assignment 40% Approval 65%	
Semester (according to the standard curriculum): 1		
Course availability (according to the standard curriculum): Spring		
Language of instruction (if not in Hungarian): English		
Prerequisites (according to the standard curriculum): English B2		
Type of the course (compulsory, obligatory elective, free elective): compulsory		
Course schedule: http://www.kodolanyi.hu/neptun/		
<p>Course objectives: The aim of this course is to examine whether there is a distinctive European identity or not. The class will examine this question from a historical perspective: from ancient Greece to the 21st century. We look at the process of the creation of the European Union as well as European regionalism. The course will help to understand European culture, identity issues and the latest trend of populism. Students will be familiar with and understand better Europe as a historical, political, economic and civilizational phenomena.</p> <p>Learning outcomes:</p> <p>Knowledge: Students will be able to handle the most important issues and policies of the European Union and apply this knowledge in the current international context. They will be able to identify the problematic areas of today's Europe; show basic knowledge of the formation of the European Union; and gain insight on the social, political, cultural, economic framework under which the Union and Europe operate.</p> <p>Skills Handle basic terminology used in foreign affairs, international relations and politics Understanding mechanism and principles of international organizations in the area of the EU Applying policies to real life scenarios Analysing and interpreting texts Applying critical thinking in examining issues across borders Acquiring basic reasoning, writing and problem-solving skills Giving mini-presentations on assigned topics and cases</p> <p>Attitudes Demonstrate a good ability to formulate research questions; use of literature and knowledge on European studies More professional approach to international relations, foreign affairs and politics</p> <p>Generic Attitudes Enhanced work ethics Contribute to discussions and ask relevant questions Formulating independent opinions in a critical manner Improvement in analysing texts More understanding of European issues</p>		

Foreign language competences

Students can function independently and with a great deal of precision on a wide variety of subjects and in almost any setting without any prior preparation.

1. Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning.
2. Can express ideas fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions.
3. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.
4. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

Teaching methods:

This course will combine lectures, open discussions, group work, video clips, essay writings, oral presentations

Prerequisites

The course is designed for students with different academic backgrounds. There are no special prerequisites for this course

Requirements (exam's evaluation criteria and list of topics):

To complete the course, you'll have to:

Pass the midterm and final exam (multiple choice questions and short answers related to the course content)

Writing assignment(s)

Presentation

The final grade will be based on:

Participation: 10%

Midterm exam: 20%

Assignment(s): 20%

Presentation: 20%

Final Exam: 30%

Assessment & Grading:

Pass

Pass grade is given to the student who knows the significant parts of the course on a satisfactory level and is able to demonstrate an acceptable level of familiarity in the application of the content.

Satisfactory

Satisfactory grade is assigned to the student who knows significant portions of the subject matter of the course and is able to apply them with suitable safety.

Good

Good grade is assigned to the student who thoroughly knows the entire subject matter of the course and can safely apply its content;

Excellent:

Excellent grade is assigned to the student who thoroughly knows the entire subject matter in all of its inherent relationships and is able to independently apply his/her knowledge with absolute certainty.

Department/faculty responsible for the course: Department of Interdisciplinary International Studies

Required average students' working hours (number of credits multiplied by 30):

150 hours

Individual assignments (expected number of hours and list of activities):

30 contact hours

-preparation to presentation, once in a semester 4 hours

-processing of readings: 2 hours per week

-preparation for the revision: one hour per week

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