

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: EUS-105 Introduction to the EU

Department: European Business Studies

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
EUS-105	Introduction to the EU	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall, Spring, Summer	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
European Business Studies	Lower Division	English

Course Description

The course describes how economic and political factors interrelate – both in unity and diversity – to influence economic policy and performance in Europe. The course analyses the successes of national policy at the level of the nation state and the constraints, specifically the limits to national political and economic sovereignty, which arise from interdependence and comprehensively covers the development of contemporary Europe from the supremacy of the nation state in decision-making right through to European integration. The course provides relevant theoretical background to the policy area/debate in the more traditional aspects of economics and politics, but also in new issues of concern such as equal opportunities.

Instructor

Dr Paul Gibbs

Course Aims and Objectives

The course aims to integrate the political and economic fabric of European affairs, through an interdisciplinary analysis of key political, economic and social aspects of the whole of contemporary Europe.

Teaching Methods

The course is structured around lectures, problem and case discussions, individual and group prepared assignments.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall and Spring semesters in 14-weeks (3 hours/week). During the summer session the course is delivered in 7 weeks (6 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Project/homework: 10%

Mid-Term: 40%
Final Exam: 40%
Class participation: 10%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

McCormick, J., Understanding the European Union, 2nd ed., Palgrave-Macmillan, 2002