



European Foreign Policy

University College Maastricht

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Full course description

The course is divided into three sections. The first section will start with a focus on the importance of European Foreign Policy for foreign policy analysis and vice versa. It will also consider what theories in International Relations can help explain the conduct of European Foreign Policy. This section will then move on to consider the institutional framework of the EU's foreign policy, the role of the Member States in the formation of policy and then finally consider in more detail the main external relations policies themselves. The main policy areas include Common Defense Policy, Common Security Policy, Economic and Trade Policy and Enlargement Policy.

The second section deals with the important regions and particular states that the European Union has established strong foreign policy relationships. These important regions and states include the United States, Russia, the Developing world and Emerging Economies. The third section ends with a consideration of the EU's future role as a global player.

Course objectives

- To understand the history and the complexity of European Foreign Policy.
 - To understand the political-institutional process in which EU Foreign Policy is made.
 - To grasp the content of European Foreign Policy.
 - To understand relations with important regions and particular states that the European Union has established strong foreign policy relationships.
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Prerequisites

SSC1025 Introduction to Political Science or SSC1006/SSC2002 International Relations: Themes and Theories, and SSC3030 The Law of European Institutions or SSC1009 Introduction to European Integration.

Recommended reading

Christopher Hill, Michael Smith, and Sophie Vanhoonacker. 2017. *International Relations and the European Union*. Third Edition. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780198737322
E-reader.

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Period 5

4 Apr 2022 - 3 Jun 2022

ECTS credits:

5.0

Instruction language:

English

Coordinator:

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Teaching methods:

PBL, Presentation(s), Lecture(s), Assignment(s), Paper(s)

Assessment methods:

Final paper, Attendance, Participation, Written exam, Oral exam, Take home exam