

Course identification :	- Teaching unit 1 - Module : Environment II - Subject : EU at the crossroads: functioning, identity and global influence in the new global order	ECTS credits : The module combines two classes which bear together 5 ECTS credits	Semester : Spring Teaching hours : 12 Full workload : 36 = teaching hours x 3
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Objectives of the course :	This course explores how the EU functions internally, how its identity is being reshaped by internal and external pressures, and how it faces new geopolitical challenges in a world dominated by US-China rivalry and regional conflicts.
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Prerequisites :	General knowledge and interest of law, political science, international relations with a focus on European affairs.
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Course contents :	<p>General overview - Introduction to the EU's identity.</p> <p>Timeline of the construction of Europe - key milestones and successive enlargements</p> <p>Legal framework and institutional architecture : the treaties and the institutions</p> <p>Decision-Making and Financial Governance</p> <p>Construction of a European Identity</p> <p>Europe and the world : a global actor</p>
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Evaluation :	Papers and oral presentations. Classroom tasks
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Bibliography :	<p>Nugent, N., & Rhinard, M. (2025). <i>The Government and Politics of the European Union</i> (10th ed.). Red Globe Press.</p> <p>Fratescu, D., et al. (2025). <i>How to Work with the EU Institutions 2025-2029: A Practical Guide to Successful Public Affairs in the EU</i>. John Harper Publishing.</p> <p>Verdun, A., & Hurrelmann, A. (2024). <i>European Union Governance and Policy-Making</i>. University of Toronto Press.</p> <p>Bradford, A. (2020). <i>The Brussels Effect: How the European Union Rules the World</i>. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Everts, S., et al. (2025). <i>10 Ideas for the New Team: How the EU Can Navigate a Power Political World</i>. EUISS Chaillot Papers.</p>
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Remarks :	<p>This course is designed as an interactive seminar : the active participation of students is expected.</p> <p>To ensure the course remains relevant in a fast-changing world, the syllabus may be modified in real-time and adjusted to incorporate late-breaking geopolitical events.</p>
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