



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM  
**EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE  
EU**

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## Subject's general information

<b>Subject name</b>	EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE EU			
<b>Code</b>	101852			
<b>Semester</b>	2nd Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
<b>Typology</b>	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Bachelor's Degree in Law	4	OPTIONAL	Attendance-based
<b>Course number of credits (ECTS)</b>	6			
<b>Type of activity, credits, and groups</b>	<b>Activity type</b>	PRAULA		TEORIA
	<b>Number of credits</b>	3		3
	<b>Number of groups</b>	1		1
<b>Coordination</b>	ORTIZ HERNANDEZ, EIMYS			
<b>Department</b>	PUBLIC LAW			
<b>Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work</b>	6 sessions (12 hours in total)			
<b>Important information on data processing</b>	Consult <a href="#">this link</a> for more information.			
<b>Language</b>	English			

Teaching staff	E-mail addresses	Credits taught by teacher	Office and hour of attention
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## Subject's extra information

The aim of this subject is to provide a comprehensive approach of the external relations of the EU.

## Learning objectives

### Objectives

The subject will allow students to deepen their knowledge on the external relations of the EU. Therefore, the development of the organization as a global actor and its implication will be analysed: legal instruments, the inter-relation with other international organizations and other regional integration examples.

Once the student passes the subject, he/she will be able to understand the different fields of the external relations of the EU.

## Competences

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#### Basic competences

- To acquire practical knowledge of the EU Law
- To work in an autonomous methodology

#### Specific competences

- To understand the evolution of the external relations of the EU
- To distinguish the basic principles of the EU external relations
- To analyse the legal, political and economic instruments
- To define, design, planning and write a research work

#### Transversal competences

- To search for scientific information
- To work in groups

## Subject contents

### Syllabus

#### Topic 1: European Union, global actor

1. The international position of the EU
2. Principles and objectives legal subjectivity

#### Topic 2: External Action in the Lisbon Treaty

1. Community method or intergovernmental method?
2. Delimitation of jurisdiction
3. CFSP actors
  - Background of the institutional reform of the CFSP
  - The European Council and its President
  - High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice President of the European Commission
  - European External Action Service
  - The European Parliament and the Court of Justice of the EU
4. Decision making system

## **Topic 3: Instruments for the configuration of external action**

1. Political-diplomatic instruments
2. Legal instruments: agreements
  - Procedure: negotiation, conclusion, application, suspension and termination
  - Jurisdiction and interpretation
  - Typology: multilateral, bilateral, sectoral and interim
3. Financial instruments and imposition of economic and financial sanctions
4. Civil and military conflict management instruments

## **Topic 4: External dimension of common policies**

1. Common Commercial Policy
2. Cooperation policy for development and humanitarian aid

## **Topic 5: European Union and other international organizations**

1. The right of access, the access procedure, and legal effects
2. United Nations
3. Council of Europe

## **Topic 6: European Union and its regional policies**

1. European Economic Area
2. European Neighborhood Policy
3. Africa, Caribbean and Pacific
4. Asia
5. Latin America

## **Topic 7: The Common Security and Defense Policy**

1. The origins and development of the European Security and Defense Policy
2. The CSDP in the Lisbon Treaty: towards self-defense?
3. Civilian capabilities
4. Military capabilities

## **Methodology**

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The methodology of the subject is based mainly on a high practical component, seeking transversality in knowledge as well as complementarity, taking into account the efficiency of the resources available at the university. Therefore, it will present three different parts:

In the first place, the fundamental theoretical knowledge to understand the different aspects of the subjects will be carried out through master classes. However, this does not mean that the student is oblivious, but rather that they will have to participate actively in the weekly preparation of them by reading the recommended bibliography.

Secondly, as it is a *semipresencial* subject, practices, papers and presentations will be developed. These have as

their objective the application of theoretical knowledge to particular situations. Likewise, they will have to write legally reasoned opinions using the recommended bibliography as well as the UdL's resources, in particular, the library. In order to achieve this objective of the teaching methodology, a practice session related to obtaining and using bibliographic resources will be carried out.

Thirdly, committing to transversality not only requires students to acquire theoretical and practical knowledge, but also to attend conferences with high-level academic and civil society experts organized from the area of knowledge to complement their training. Therefore, attendance at conferences and seminars, which will be determined during the course, will be promoted.

## Development plan

The sessions will take place in the classroom from 09.00h-11.00h (Wednesdays):

- 8th February
- 25th February
- 1st March
- 15th March
- 12th April
- 26th April
- 3rd May (oral presentations): 09.00h - 11.00h

The first day the professor will upload the schedule of the subject.

In case of any inconvenience, the student will be informed in due time.

## Evaluation

### Evaluation

- 25% of the total: Practical cases to be submitted by: *Instructions: 1 page both sides. Times new roman 12, justify, 1,5 line-spacing.*
  - 22nd February
  - 8th March
  - 22nd March
  - 19th April
- 35% of the total: Research Paper + oral presentation: Research Paper to be submitted by 10th May 2023 because the oral presentations will take place on the 3rd May.
- 40% of the total: Final exam. It will be a take-home exam. The date of the exam will be discussed at the classroom.

## Bibliography

### Bibliography

#### Mandatory Resources

- WESSEL, R.A.; LARIK, J.: *EU external relations law : text, cases and materials*, 2 ed., Cambridge, United Kingdom : Cambridge University Press, 2019 (MANDATORY) - available at the UdL Library.
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- BLANC ALTEMIR, A.: *La Unión Europea y los BRICS (Brasil Rusia, India, China y Sudáfrica)*, Pamplona, Aranzadi Thomson Reuters, 2015.
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*changing landscape*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2008.

- GUTIÉRREZ ESPADA, C., CERVELL HORTAL, M.J. (Dir.): *La Unión Europea como actor global de las relaciones internacionales. Retos y problemas seleccionados*, Valencia, Tirant lo Blanch, 2016.
- KUIJPER, P.J., WOUTERS, J., HOFFMEISTER, F., DE BAERE, G., RAMOPOULOS, T.: *The law of external relations. Cases, materials, and commentary on the EU as an International Legal actor*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2013
- RUEDA FERNÁNDEZ, C. (Dir.): *Principales manifestaciones de la Acción Exterior de la UE a la luz del Tratado de Lisboa : privilegios e inmunidades, dimensión exterior del ELSJ, Servicio Europeo de Acción Exterior, papel del Parlamento Europeo, Consejo de Europa...*, Pamplona, Aranzadi Thomson Reuters, 2014.
- SÁNCHEZ RAMOS, B. (Ed.): *La Unión Europea como actor global. Algunas cuestiones analizadas desde el Tratado de Lisboa*, Valencia, Tirant lo Blanch, 2013.

## Bibliografía

- <https://biblioguies.udl.cat/dret>

## Online Resources

- [www.cejm.udl.cat](http://www.cejm.udl.cat)
- [www.europa.eu](http://www.europa.eu)
- [https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage_en)
- [www.eur-lex.europa.eu](http://www.eur-lex.europa.eu)