



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM
**EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE
EU**

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Academic year 2023-24

Subject's general information

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

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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

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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 T
 - he 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

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The schedule of the subject will be uploaded one week before the beginning of the semester. In case of any inconvenience, the student will be informed in due time.

- 07.02.2024: Teo
- 14.02.2024: Teo
- 21.02.2024: Teo
- 28.02.2024: Teo
- 06.03.2024: Teo
- 13.03.2024: Teo
- 20.03.2024: PraAu
- 03.04.2024: PraAu
- 17.04.2024: PraAu
- 24.04.2024: PraAu
- 08.05.2024: Oral Presentations

Evaluation

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- **First Module: theory (50 %)**
 - Take-home exam. The date of the exam will be discussed at the classroom.
- **Second Module: practical cases (25%)**
 - Practical cases (25%) *Instructions: 1 page both sides. Times new roman 12, justify, 1,5 line-spacing.*
- **Third Module: Research and oral skills (25%)**
 - Research Paper + oral presentation.
 - *Instructions: Times new roman 12, justify 1,5 line-spacing. Minimum lenght 10 pages - maximum lenght 15 pages.*
 - Research Paper to be submitted by 15th May 2023 because the oral presentations will take place on the 8th May.

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