

POL30018 European Integration: Politics of the EU

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	3 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Thirty contact hours per semester. 2 x one hour lectures and 1 x one hour tutorial per week for 10 weeks. The lecture and tutorial programs are staggered and cover the 12 weeks of semester. Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Completion of at least 12.5 points at second year in Politics and International Studies.
Corequisites:	none
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Levels 1 & 2 Politics and International Studies
Non Allowed Subjects:	166-033 European Integration: Politics of the EU
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject aims to provide students with an in-depth analysis of the politics of the European Union (EU). It analyses the policy-making of the EU and examines the tensions of sovereignty and Europeanism in the attitudes of the member states and other participants in the integration process. The subject analyses the institutions and participants in the EU, including a detailed examination of the objectives and roles of the 27 member states and the benefits and disadvantages of membership for these states. It scrutinises EU policies, including the Common Agricultural Policy and the single currency, the Euro: the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Justice and Home Affairs. It further discusses the issues raised by the EU's Expansion, including the contested issues of protest, representation and participation, the democratic deficit and complexities of citizenship, ethnicity and gender.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have an introductory but in-depth understanding of the politics of European integration. # have an appreciation of the European Union as a unique and evolving economic and political entity. # have a critical knowledge of the Single Market and the development of the EU's political and economic policies and power. # have an ability to evaluate political, social and economic developments since the Maastricht and Amsterdam Treaties. # have an understanding of contemporary issues confronting the EU such as unemployment, the energy crisis, opposition to "Europe" and problems of democratic legitimacy and citizenship and the prospects for the future. # have an understanding of the need to further analyse EU governance, polity and integration as contested issues. # have an understanding of the EU as a possible example of regional integration as a regional trading bloc and as a global actor.
Assessment:	A written essay of 2000 words (50%) due mid-semester, and a 2-hour exam (50%) scheduled during the examination period.

Prescribed Texts:	A subject reader will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop. Ever Closer Union? An Introduction of the European Community (D Dinan) Palgrave The Government and Politics of the European Union (N Nugent) Palgrave
Breadth Options:	<p>This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Bachelor of Biomedicine (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/B-BMED) # Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/B-COM) # Bachelor of Environments (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/B-ENVS) # Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/B-MUS) # Bachelor of Science (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/B-SCI) # Bachelor of Engineering (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/355AA) <p>You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.</p>
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to research through the competent use of the library and other information sources, and be able to define areas of inquiry and methods of research in the preparation of essays. # be able to conceptualise theoretical problems, form judgements and arguments and communicate critically, creatively and theoretically through essay writing, tutorial discussion and presentations. # be able to communicate knowledge ideologically and economically through essay writing and tutorial discussion. # be able to manage and organise workloads for recommended reading, the completion of essays and assignments and examination revision. # be able to participate in team work through small group discussions.
Notes:	Available as a Breadth subject to non-Bachelor of Arts students
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	<p>European Studies European Studies Major International Studies Major Political Science Major Politics & International Studies Politics and International Studies Politics and International Studies</p>