Course Code | Course Title | ECTS Credits
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EUS-355 | European Social and Economic Policies | 6

Department | Semester | Prerequisites
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European Studies and International Relations | Spring | EUS-105

Type of Course | Field | Language of Instruction
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Required | European Studies | English

Level of Course | Year of Study | Lecturer(s)
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1st Cycle | 3rd | Dr Christina Ioannou

Mode of Delivery | Work Placement | Co-requisites
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face-to-face | N/A | None

Objectives of the Course:

As the European Union grows and matures, its movement toward a single market and an Economic and Monetary Union has been the primary focus of attention. However, other policy areas have been greatly affected by this process of European integration, especially the social sphere, as socio-economic forces usually move together. This course focuses specifically upon the development of social and economic policies in the EU. These are areas that increasingly attract attention, especially in view of the growing challenges of economic globalisation and national welfare state retrenchment. The course aims to offer a deep understanding of the various issues that socio-economic developments cover and critically engage in their analysis. In particular, three main thematic areas of EU social policy are studied in this course (employment and social affairs, consumer protection, and public health), and in relation to the economic aspect both the internal (single market, internal trade, competition) and external policies (external trade, development cooperation) of the EU are discussed.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:
1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding on the origins of economic cooperation in the EU, as well as on the development of the single market.
2. Evaluate the development of monetary cooperation in the EU, the development of the ERM and the Euro-zone.
3. Assess both the internal and external economic policies of the EU: Competition Policy, Environmental Policy, Energy Policy, Transport Policy, Commercial Policy, Development Aid Policy, External Relations.
4. Illustrate understanding of the development of social policy in the EU, from the origins of the organisation to the present day.
5. Appraise the ways in which European social policies work, in the fields of employment and social affairs, consumer protection and public health.
6. Assess the impact of socio-economic policies.
Course Contents:
1. Understanding the history of European Economic Integration: The Single Market, the Economic and Monetary Union and the Euro-zone.
3. External Economic Policies: Commercial Policy, Development Aid Policy, External Relations
4. Understanding what is European Social Policy.
7. Public Health: Communicable Diseases, Smoking, Alcohol and Alcohol-related harm, Mental Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity, Drugs.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:
Lectures, Project, Presentation, Discussion

Assessment Methods:
Final Examination, Mid-Term Examination, Project, Presentation, Attendance / Participation

Required Textbooks/Reading:

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