

PO358-30 European Union Policy-Making

20/21

Department

Politics & International Studies

Level

Undergraduate Level 3

Module leader

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Credit value

30

Module duration

20 weeks

Assessment

50% coursework, 50% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

Welcome to this third year optional module on the politics of European Union (EU) policy-making. The module is organised into two distinct sections:

In the first part, we develop a broad-ranging understanding of the nature of EU policy processes through discussions of the main perspectives which scholars have generated and by touching upon a series of general issue areas. We seek to understand the internal dynamics of EU policy-making by considering the respective importance of the EU's institutions, national governments and various non-state actors. We also try to understand the nature of the policy-making regime in the EU. The emphasis is on contending theories and explanations of EU policy processes.

In the second part of the module, we turn to the 'application' of these theories and approaches to a series of specific sectoral case studies.

Module aims

The module aims to:

develop an understanding of EU policy processes

explore the main theoretical approaches associated with EU decision-making dynamics and policy

processes

examine the relative importance of the actors involved in EU policy-making

offer an in-depth understanding of a series of EU policy areas

analyse the relevance of theoretical approaches to the realities of EU policy-making

On completion of this module, you should also have developed your presentation skills, research skills, and your abilities to work independently and as part of a group.

You are required to attend all sessions. Should you be unable to attend a session, you are expected to inform your module tutor of the reason for your absence beforehand or, if this is not feasible, as soon as possible afterwards.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

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Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- describe the workings of EU policy processes
- critically discuss the key characteristics of EU policy processes
- assess the roles of the main actors involved in the dynamics of EU policy-making
- understand the dynamics of various EU policy sectors

Indicative reading list

tbc

Subject specific skills

tbc

Transferable skills

The module provides students with opportunities to acquire or develop the following key skills:

the ability to apply the methods and techniques that they have learned to review, consolidate, extend and apply their knowledge and understanding, and to initiate and carry out projects
the transferable/key/generic skills necessary for employment related to Politics and International Studies: lateral thinking; problem solving; detailed critical analysis and interpretation of a variety of primary and secondary sources; the ability to digest, retain and apply complex information and ideas; an understanding of language; skills in research, independent study, group discussion, and in oral and written presentation; the ability to consider unfamiliar ideas and ways of thinking
the skills necessary for the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility: e.g. the ability to assess their own capacity for and progress in learning; the ability to organize their work and manage their time successfully; the ability to meet deadlines; the ability to reflect critically on the

extent and limitations of how and what they have learned, discovered and understood
the ability to deploy decision-making skills in complex and unpredictable situations
ability to synthesis ideas drawn from different disciplinary areas in order to understand and/or
resolve real world problems
the ability to recognize and be sensitive to diversity
skills in the communication of information, ideas, problems and solutions in a variety of ways to a
variety of audiences
the ability to undertake appropriate further training of a professional or equivalent nature.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	18 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Seminars	20 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Private study	262 hours (87%)
Total	300 hours

Private study description

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Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group C1

	Weighting	Study time
3000 word essay	50%	
Online Examination	50%	
1.5 hour exam		

Weighting

Study time

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Feedback on assessment

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[Past exam papers for PO358](#)

Availability

Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- UECA-4 Undergraduate Economics 4 Year Variants
 - Year 4 of LM1H Economics, Politics & International Studies with Study Abroad
 - Year 4 of LM1H Economics, Politics & International Studies with Study Abroad
- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 3 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 3 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies

This module is Optional for:

- UECA-3 Undergraduate Economics 3 Year Variants
 - Year 3 of L100 Economics
 - Year 3 of L100 Economics
 - Year 3 of L100 Economics
 - Year 3 of L116 Economics and Industrial Organization
 - Year 3 of L116 Economics and Industrial Organization
- UECA-4 Undergraduate Economics 4 Year Variants
 - Year 4 of L103 Economics with Study Abroad
 - Year 4 of LM1H Economics, Politics & International Studies with Study Abroad
 - Year 4 of LM1H Economics, Politics & International Studies with Study Abroad
- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 3 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 3 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
- Year 4 of UPHA-V7MM Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Intercalated year)
- Year 3 of UPOA-M100 Undergraduate Politics
- Year 4 of UPOA-M101 Undergraduate Politics (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 4 of UPOA-M168 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese
- Year 3 of UPOA-M169 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese (3 year)

- Year 4 of UPOA-M165 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Italian
- Year 3 of UPOA-M162 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods
- Year 4 of UPOA-M167 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Option list A for:

- UPOA-M16A Undergraduate Politics and International Studies
 - Year 3 of M16A Politics and International Studies
 - Year 3 of M16A Politics and International Studies
 - Year 3 of M16A Politics and International Studies
- Year 4 of UPOA-M16B Undergraduate Politics and International Studies (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of UPOA-ML13 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology
- Year 4 of UPOA-ML14 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology (with Intercalated year)
- Year 4 of UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French
- Year 4 of UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
- Year 3 of UPOA-M16D Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German (3 year degree)
- Year 4 of UPOA-M166 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
- Year 3 of UPOA-M16H Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies (3 year degree)

This module is Option list C for:

- UHIA-VM11 Undergraduate History and Politics
 - Year 3 of VM11 History and Politics
 - Year 3 of VM11 History and Politics
 - Year 3 of VM11 History and Politics
- Year 4 of UHIA-VM12 Undergraduate History and Politics (with Year Abroad)