

# PO238-15 Themes in European Integration

**21/22**

**Department**

Politics & International Studies

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

The main purpose of the module is to explore the political and economic dimensions of European integration. We will be asking many questions about the nature of European integration. Issues to be covered range from the history of the European integration project, the role of the EU institutions, theories of European integration, EU policies (including the Eurozone crisis).

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### Module aims

The module aims to:

- develop an understanding of the origins and developments of the EU
- explore the main theoretical approaches to European integration
- offer an understanding of the Treaty and institutional development of the EU
- analyse key policy dilemmas and issues facing the EU
- discuss the role of the EU as an actor in world politics
- assess the contemporary debates about the future of European integration

## 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.

Week 1 Introduction

Week 2 Reconstructing 'Europe': Motives for Integration

Week 3 The Evolution of the EU: Key Moments

Week 4 The European Institutions

Week 5 The Activism of the European Court of Justice

Week 6 Reading Week

Week 7 A Toolkit for Understanding the EU: Grand Theories of European Integration

Week 8 Member States in Processes of Europeanisation and Multi-Level Governance

Week 9 The Euro: Monetary Politics and European Integration

Week 10 Europe of the Regions: Cohesion and Sub-National Activism

## Learning outcomes

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

- demonstrate an appreciation of the historical context of European integration and the significance of the EU
- critically discuss the characteristics of the EU's governance framework in relation to the key themes covered
- assess the strengths and weaknesses of the key theoretical debates governing the nature of European integration and the EU as a global actor
- critically analyse, both orally and in writing, the current issues facing the EU in important policy areas

## Indicative reading list

Bache, I. George, S. & Bulmer, S. Politics in the European Union, 3rd edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Bomberg, E., Peterson, J. and Stubb, A. (eds), The European Union: How Does it Work?, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2nd edition, 2008

Cini, M & Borragan, N.P-S. (eds.), European Union Politics, 3rd edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010

Dedman, M., The Origins and Development of the European Union 1945-2008 - A History of European Integration, 2nd edition, London: Routledge, 2010.

Jorgensen, K.E. Pollack, M. & Rosamond, B. Handbook of European Union Politics, London: Sage, 2007.

Hill, C. and Smith, M. (eds), International Relations and the European Union, 2nd edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

McCormick, J. (eds.), Understanding the European Union, 4th edition, New York: Palgrave, 2008.

Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, M. (ed.), Debates on European Integration: a reader, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006.

Nugent N., The Government and Politics of the European Union, 7th edition, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010  
Rosamond, B., Theories of European Integration, Basingstoke: Macmillan, 2000.  
Wallace, H., Pollack, A.M. & Young, R.A. (eds.), Policy-Making in the European Union, 6th edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.  
Wiener, A. & Diez, T., European Integration Theory, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2nd edition, 2009.

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

## **Research element**

Students write a research essay in this module.

## **International**

The topics covered in this module are all international in scope.

This 15 CAT version is available only to PAIS students chosen for the Hong Kong exchange.

## **Subject specific skills**

Theoretical and analytical skills in understanding the topic of European integration

## **Transferable skills**

Communication skills  
Lateral thinking skills  
Skills in the distillation and application of complex information and ideas  
Critical thinking  
Analytical skills  
Independent research skills  
Problem solving  
Time management  
Skills in academic practice  
Awareness of, and sensitivity to, diversity  
Decision making  
Educational self-awareness skills

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## **Study**

## **Study time**

Type	Required
Lectures	9 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Private study	132 hours (88%)
Total	150 hours

## Private study description

TBC

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group A1

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
<b>Assessment component</b>			
3000 Word Essay	100%		Yes (extension)
A 1,500-word essay.			

Reassessment component is the same

## Feedback on assessment

PAIS Assessed essay Essay feedback form (Tabula submission) \r\nOral Feedback

## Availability

There is currently no information about the courses for which this module is core or optional.