

PO238-15 Themes in European Integration

26/27

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

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).

[Module web page](#)

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

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

Research element

Students write a research essay in this module.

International

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

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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

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
Assessment component			
3000 Word Essay A 1,500-word essay.	100%		Yes (extension)

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

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

Availability

Courses

This module is Optional for:

- Year 2 of UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Year 2 of UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law

This module is Option list B for:

- Year 2 of UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics

This module is Option list D for:

- Year 2 of UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics