

Course title	<b><i>European Union System</i></b>
Credits	6
University	UCM
Language of the course	Spanish, English
Learning outcomes	<p><b>LO2.</b> Through these studies to be able to develop an inter disciplinary (law, politics, economic, history, international relations) approach to the institutional system and the performance of the European Union <b>LO3.</b> To be able to understand and to reflect on the role of the EU on the global scene</p> <p><b>LO5.</b> To express themselves in Spanish, a European language besides their mother tongue and English</p> <p><b>LO6.</b> To be immersed in a multi-disciplinary, multi-multilingual and multi-cultural study environment, in order to understand and communicate issues from and across different perspectives; to process knowledge and information in a timely, accurate, and efficient way</p> <p><b>LO7.</b> To acquire analytical skills to conduct research and to present knowledge concerning questions of European Studies</p>
Course objectives	<p>To understand the integration process, the structure and the functioning of the EU. To identify the purpose, scope and limitations of the EU.</p> <p>To understand and differentiate the concepts of the community method and intergovernmental cooperation.</p> <p>To know the structure of the EU institutions and their participation in the approval of legal regulations.</p> <p>To analyze the contribution of the EU to international governance. To reflect on the role of the EU in current international politics (and the threats to its leading role).</p> <p>To determine the importance of the EU for state members national politics.</p>
Content	<p>I. INTRODUCTION AND EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. General considerations. From the European idea to reality. Supranationality as a reality of European integration. The political process of European integration. The nature of the EU.</p> <p>II: THE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM OF THE EU. The institutional framework: general presentation. The European Parliament. The European Council. EU Council. The European Commission. The Court of Justice. Advisory bodies, sector institutions and others. Inter- institutional relations and the decision-making process.</p> <p>III: THE COMPETENCES OF THE EU. General system of attribution and exercise of powers. Economic policies (I). The internal market and basic freedoms. Economic policies (II). Common policies and support for the internal market. Economic policies (III). The Economic and Monetary Union. Social and society policies and the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.</p> <p>IV: THE FOREIGN ACTION OF THE EU. The Common Foreign Policy in the Treaties. The Common Foreign Policy: programming, decision and areas.</p> <p>V: THE EU IN THE GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY. The EU in global international society</p>
Work format(s)	<p>Teaching will consist of a combination of formats i.e. : lectures, classes taught by guest lecturers, hands-on workshops, responsive teaching classes, case reports, permanent analysis of current affairs through the media</p> <p>Students are expected to be present, demonstrate active participation during contact hours and prepare courses in case of responsive teaching sessions.</p>
Manner of assessment	<p>Written examination (50%)</p> <p>Continuous assessment: written comments, text analysis, conjuncture analysis (50%)</p>

Literature (required/ recommended)	<p>Academic bibliography (in several languages), news, video materials, case reports, official EU texts. For this subject, the handling of European normative texts will be essential.</p> <p>Basic bibliography:  ARNULL, A. y CHALMERS, D. (Eds.), <i>The Oxford handbook of European Union law</i>, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2017.  DINAN, E. (Ed.), <i>Origins and Evolution of the European Union</i>, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2014.  OTT, A. y VOS, E., <i>Fifty years of European integration: foundations and perspectives</i>, The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Press, 2009  ROSSI, L.S. Y CASSOLARI, F., <i>The EU after Lisbon: Amending or Coping with the existing Treaties</i>, Heidelberg, Springer, 2016.  WEATHERILL, S., <i>Law and values in the European Union</i>, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2016.  ZORGBIBE, Ch., <i>Histoire de l'Union européenne</i>, Paris, Albin Michel, 2005  BARNARD, Catherine y PEERS, Steve, <i>European Union Law</i>, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2017.  BARNARD, Catherine y PEERS, Steve, <i>European Union Law</i>, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2017.  MCCORMICK, J. y OLSEN, J., <i>European Union Politics and Policies</i>, New York, Westview Press, 2016  CHANG, M., <i>Economic and Monetary Union</i>, Basingstoke, Palgrave- Macmillan, 2016.  HIX, S. y HEYLAND, B., <i>The Political System of the European Union</i>, Basingstoke, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2011  SMITH, M. y KEUKELEIRE, S., <i>The Diplomatic System of the European Union: Evolution, change and challenges</i>, London, Routledge, 2015</p>
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