



UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE DE MADRID

Universidades Norteamericanas Reunidas

(Breve descripción de la asignatura / Brief Course Description)

Introduction to the European Union

The course provides an introductory understanding of how the European Union operates as a political system, taking into account different perspectives of each member state. The historical origin and theoretical operation of the EU will be studied, as well as the evolution of the European Union from its conception until today. Political, economic, and social aspects of the EU will be explored, as well as the development of the social welfare state. The theoretical framework of the different EU institutions (legislative, political and economic) will be analyzed and the implementation of its policy processes in the member states compared and explained with special attention focused on the political nuances that each member state presents with implementation of recommendations and EU laws. The main aim of the course is to provide students with different perspectives on the European integration process and how these systems compare to the U.S.

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