

Y7 - European Union: Structure and Institutions

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ECTS: 4

Short Description:

This course will examine the nature of the European Union and the framework of its organisation and analyse the essence and function of its institutions. Within this scope the basic notions of EU law will be visited, such as supremacy, direct effect, direct application, proportionality, subsidiarity, etc. Furthermore, it will examine the sources of EU law and the legislation procedure. Finally, there is an analysis of the funding facilities for EU policies (ECB, European Funds, Support Frameworks).

Aims:

- To help students understand and become familiar with the above notions and concepts.
- To help students explore the ways of EU function.
- To use comparative skills and concepts to identify and analyse the major trends in educational policy and practice in different sectors in Europe;
- To help students develop critical awareness of the recent modifications of the Treaty of Rome, so that they will be able to comprehend the evolutionary road of the EU towards a federation of states.

Learning Outcomes:

- Students completing the course should:
- Develop their knowledge as to the function of the EU institutions and its organisation through them;
- Be in a position to understand the evolutionary development of the EU;
- Further their ability to approach and analyse the recent developments in the EU.

Structure:

The course includes 13 three-hour interactive lectures. The first part is an introductory tutorial, followed by discussion with the students on issues pertaining to that or previous tutorials.

Assessment:

Written exam at the end of the semester.

Bibliography:

Tutors' Notes