

## OIECOX01- Europe today's challenges

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**Semester:** 1

**Course level:** L3 Undergraduate  
**Domain:** Economics  
**Teaching language:** English  
**Number of in-class hours:** 36  
**Number of course sessions:** 11 + Exam  
**ECTS:** 6

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### Course description and objectives

The first decade of the XXIst century has been decisive for the future of Europe. Several Central and Eastern European countries as well as some Southern European countries, have integrated the European Union. Today, the EU is facing several challenges.

The Economic and Monetary Union, the creation of the Euro zone with the settlement of the single currency within a limited but growing number of member countries have thoroughly modified the relations between the European Union and the rest of the world economy.

The governance of the European Union is questioned with more than 25 members states. The immigration crisis raised the debate on Schengen and the fundamental freedoms.

The European Union has long been committed to international efforts to tackle climate change and felt the duty to set an example through robust policy-making at home. The EU is actively promoting Europe's transition to a low-carbon society, and is updating its rules in order to facilitate the necessary private and public investment in the clean energy transition. This should not only be good for the planet, but also good for the economy and good for consumers.

During the seminar, different themes and policies will be explored among them:

- The European construction
- The European institutions
- The Economic and Monetary Union
- The European budget policy
- The European energy policy
- The European competition policy
- The external trade policy of the European Union
- The European social policy

The main aims of the seminar are to understand the **basic notions** about Europe and to acquire a good knowledge of the European economy. The object of the seminar is to gain **a broad understanding** of the European Union, its history and prospects in particular with the integration of new Member States and the different internal policies.

### Prerequisites

No specific prerequisites - This class is designed for non-EU students (students coming from the EU are unfortunately not accepted)

## Learning outcomes

Students will know

- the main steps in the Eu construction
- how the EU is organized
- how to analyze the main EU integration policies
- how to compare the EU situation with other economic areas

## Assignments and grading

- 1 Midterm exam – computer based exam- 2 hours **30% AND** 1 Final exam – 2 hours **40%**
- 2 pages synthesis (writing document - max of 2 pages): **30%**
- Participation in class and attendance

The numerical grade distribution will dictate the final grade. The passing grade for a course is 10/20.

**Class participation:** Active class participation – this is what makes classes lively and instructive. Come on time and prepared. Class participation is based on quality of comments, not quantity.

**Exam policy:** In the exam, students will not be allowed to bring any document (except if allowed by the lecturer). Unexcused absences from exams or failure to submit cases will result in zero grades in the calculation of numerical averages. Exams are collected at the end of examination periods.

## Course structure

Session	Topic
1	Introduction
2	The European construction
3	The European Institutions
4	The Economic and Monetary Union (1)
5	The Economic and Monetary Union (2)
6	The European budget policy
7	Midterm
8	The European competition policy
9	The European energy policy
10	The external trade policy of the European Union
11	The European social policy
12	Final exam

## Bibliography

All the lectures slides, the readings, additional information, bibliography per section... will be posted on MyCourse

- European Union: [http://europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/index_en.htm)
- European Commission: <http://ec.europa.eu/>
- European Parliament: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/>
- European council: <http://www.european-council.europa.eu/the-institution.aspx?lang=en>
- Council of the EU: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/homepage.aspx?lang=en>
- Fondation Schuman : <http://www.robert-schuman.eu/>
- Eurostat : <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home/>
- Toute l'Europe (in French): [www.touteleurope.fr/](http://www.touteleurope.fr/)

## MyCourse

This course is on MyCourse: **Yes**

## Academic integrity

Be aware of the rules in Université Paris Dauphine about plagiarism and cheating during exams. All work turned in for this course must be your own work, or that of your own group. Working as part of a group implies that you are an active participant and fully contributed to the output produced by that group.

Academic calendar

<b>Dates</b> <b>(Monday/Sunday)</b>		
02/09/19	09/08/19	<b>Welcome Week + French seminar</b>
09/09/19	15/09/19	1
16/09/19	22/09/19	2
23/09/19	29/09/19	3
30/09/19	06/10/19	4
07/10/19	13/10/19	5
14/10/19	20/10/19	6
21/10/19	27/10/19	7
28/10/19	03/11/19	<b>Holidays</b>
04/11/19	10/11/19	8
11/11/19	17/11/19	9
18/11/19	24/11/19	10
25/11/19	01/12/19	11
02/12/19	08/12/19	Review w.
09/12/19	15/12/19	<b>Exams</b>
16/12/19	22/12/19	
23/12/19	29/12/19	<b>Holidays</b>
30/12/19	05/01/20	
06/01/20	12/01/20	