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European Institutions and Policies

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Teacher(s) :	de Wilde d'Estmael Tanguy ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	This course constitutes a first approach of the different international organizations operating on the European territory (Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization and European Union in particular). It is a specific introduction to the study of the most elaborate political and institutional system: that of the European Union.
	Painting a picture of the current (Pan-)European, Euro-Atlantic or Euro-Asian organizations, the course aims at distinguishing and characterizing them according to the typology of organizations. It establishes their genesis, objectives, competences, institutional specificities, means of action and, if the case arises, their interactions in determined fields such as the prevention or management of crises and conflicts.
	The stress put on the European Union implies a presentation of the powers of the principal institutions, while shedding light on the specificity of the Community method and the more intergovernmental modalities as far as the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Police and Judicial Cooperation are concerned. The double dimension of economic integration and political union of the European Union will be emphasized through the examination of the internal policies of the EU, the stakes of the area of freedom, security and justice, and the dimensions of the external action of the European Union, including the aspects of security and defense.
Aims :	The course should enable the student to distinguish the different international organizations operating on the European territory (Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization and European Union in particular). A specific objective of the course is to understand the most elaborate political and institutional system: that of the European Union. The acquired knowledge should enable the student to understand the main European organizations, Euro-Atlantic or Euro-Asian, to understand their origin, raison d'être, composition, institutional apparatus, the nature of their competences granted and the extent of their means of political action. In addition, the student will be able to perceive the interaction of these different organizations in the framework of determined policies such as the protection of minorities, the prevention or management of conflicts. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Content :	Plan of the Course:
	Introduction: Definitions, Subject, Objectives of the Course
	A. Conditions of Emergence, Composition and Political Evolutions of the Main European Organizations
	¢ 1. Genesis of the Main European Organizations: 1945-2008
	¢ 2. Evolutions of NATO ¢ 3. Evolutions of the OECD
	¢ 4. Evolutions of the OSCE
	¢ 5. Evolutions of the Council of Europe ¢ 6. Evolutions of the EC/EU
	B. Political and Institutional Analysis of the Main European Organizations
	1. The EC/EU The Institutional Structuring (the Temple)
	The Main Institutions (the Triangle)
	The Typology of Acts
	The Decision-Making Process The Content of Policies
	2. Pattern of Institutional Approach of the Other European Organizations (NATO, OSCE, Council of Europe)
Other infos :	Prerequisites (ideally in terms of competences): course of history of the European construction

Cycle and year of study :	 Bachelor in Law Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures Bachelor in Information and Communication Bachelor in Philosophy Bachelor in Phimacy Bachelor in Ancient languages and Literatures : Classics Bachelor in Ancient languages and Literatures : Classics Bachelor in Nodern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General Bachelor in Motor skills : General Bachelor in Motor and Anagement Bachelor in Motor skills : General Bachelor in Motor and Archaeology : General Bachelor in Motor dat and Archaeology : General Bachelor in Mathematics Bachelor in Mathematics Bachelor in Biomedicine Bachelor in Biomedicine Bachelor in Biomedicine Bachelor in Political Sciences Bachelor in Political Sciences : General Bachelor in Religious Studies Bachelor in Engineering Preparatory year for Master in Publical Sciences (all orientations) and for Master in Public Administration
Faculty or entity in charge:	ESPO