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Political Theories and Systems of the European Union

5 credits	30.0 h + 0.0 h	Q1

Teacher(s)	Aoun Elena ;			
Language :	English			
Place of the course	Mons			
Main themes	This course is interested in the dynamics of European integration and the theories that have been devised to make sense of it and of European policies. It will focus on the EU from a comparative perspective, using the tools that Political science has developed overtime in order to understand how political systems operate in general. In doing so, the course will review: the three major powers within the EU and their institutional interactions; the interplay of the variety of actors who act on the European multilevel arena in order to contribute to the definition of the policies that are produced by the EU; a mix of domestic and outward-oriented EU policies. The course will also explore the idiosyncrasies of the EU as a governance sphere that borrows from a diversity of government models and modes of interactions between the actors of the political and social realms.			
Aims	This course is interested in the dynamics of European integration and the theories that have been devised to make sense of it and of European policies. It will focus on the EU from a comparative perspective, using the tools that Political science has developed overtime in order to understand how political systems operate in general. In doing so, the course will review: the three major powers within the EU and their institutional interactions; the interplay of the variety of actors who act on the European multilevel arena in order to contribute to the definition of the policies that are produced by the EU; a mix of domestic and outward-oriented EU policies. The course will also explore the idiosyncrasies of the EU as a governance sphere that borrows from a diversity of government models and modes of interactions between the actors of the political and social realms.			
	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".			
Evaluation methods	Oral presentation, quizzes, research paper and policy brief			
Teaching methods	Alternation between lectures and presentation and debates conducted by the students			
Content	History and theories of European integration. The institutional settings. Internal and External EU policies.			
Bibliography	Hix, Simon et Hoyland, Bjorn, The Political System of the European Union, Basingstoke, New York; Palgrave Macmillan, 3ème edition, 2011. Cini, Michelle and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds.), European Union Politics, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 5th edition, 2016. Saurugger, Sabine, Theoretical approaches to the European integration, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014			
Faculty or entity in charge	PSAD			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Master [60] in Political Sciences: General	SPOM2M1	5		•		
Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations	PRIM2M	5				
Master [120] in Public Administration	ADPM2M	5		•		