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Economic, legal, social and political issues in English-speaking countries

5.00 credits	30.0 h + 15.0 h	Q1

Teacher(s)	Arblaster Paul ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	B2 level of listening and reading and B2 level of speaking (Common European Framework of Reference).
Main themes	The course touches on the economic, legal, social and political issues in English-speaking countries. It describes the political institutions and the different actors (parties, trends) and tackles the important legal questions discussed in society. During the course, we will describe the major recent social trends by studying the different participants (employers, trade unions, etc.) Finally, the economic underpinnings of the country will be tackled (finance, employment, the structure of companies, management, etc.), in order to speed up the economic immersion in the economic life of these countries. This course also has a seminar component (15 hours) where different aspects of the course are discussed in English using articles and videos.
Learning outcomes	**At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :** 1 By the end of the course, students should have acquired a solid knowledge of the economic, legal, social and political issues in English-speaking countries. They should be able to describe in detail the political institutions, the different social actors (employers, trade unions, etc.) and the important social questions discussed in the English-speaking countries.
Evaluation methods	Part 1 (UK): an oral exam during the exam session (60%) on the basis of a portfolio of coursework submitted by the student during the teaching weeks of the first semester (40%). Part 2 (US): a written assessment during the teaching weeks of the first semester, followed by an oral exam during the exam session. Students should ensure they participate in the assessments for both parts of the course. Summer resits are on the same basis as the January exam: a written component and an oral component.
Teaching methods	1. Part 1 of the course (30 hours) consists of plenary lectures providing instructions, context and feedback regarding independent coursework undertaken by the student outside class. 2. Part 2 of the course (15 hours) is taught by the Institut des Langues Vivantes (ILV).
Content	The course explores the economic, legal, social and political issues in English-speaking countries using a variety of sources, with a considerable emphasis on the analysis and contextualisation of current events. The course is in two parts: plenary lectures primarily focusing on the UK (part 1), and work in smaller groups primarily focusing on the US (part 2). Students should ensure they attend both parts and are assessed for both parts.
Inline resources	See Moodle
Bibliography	Notes de cours
Faculty or entity in charge	ELAL

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Multilingual Communication	MULT2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Communication	CORP2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations	SPRI2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Information and Communication Science and Technology	STIC2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Public Administration	ADPU2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Political Sciences: General	SPOL2M	5		🔍
Master [120] : Business Engineering	INGE2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Management	GEST2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English	GERM2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Communication	COMM2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Economics: General	ECON2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Journalism	EJL2M	5		🔍