

## Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg

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## IE-S: European Integration

Since its creation, the European Union has emerged as the most advanced regional integration project in the world. For much of its existence, scholars have treated it as an international organization sui generis, but as European integration has widened in scope and deepened in terms of competences, the EU is increasingly being treated as a political system similar to nation states. This course aims to provide students with both empirical knowledge about the EU and a theoretical toolbox to analyze a wide range of EU-specific questions.

The course is separated into three parts: In part one, students will gain insight into important theoretical accounts regarding European Integration. This includes both the most widely-known “grand theories” of Neofunctionalism and Liberal Intergovernmentalism as well as theories such as Postfunctionalism and New Institutionalism. In so doing, students will gain an insight into the existing angles in theorizing European Integration. The second part is concerned with analyzing the role of each of the EU’s main institutions. This will include a theory-guided look at their individual power and constraints as well as their relationship with the other institutions. The last part of the seminar will deal with challenges to the process of European Integration.

**Date:** Tuesdays, 12:00–14:00 c.t.

**Room:** F21/02.31 (with reservation depending on rate of infection/administrative provisions)

**ECTS:** 6

### Eligibility Requirements:

- The working language of this course is English. Presentations and coursework must also be completed in English.
- In order to have sufficient basic knowledge about the European Union, previous participation in the introductory lecture (Einführungsvorlesung) or an equivalent is required.
- Regular attendance and knowledge of the required texts is expected.
- To obtain 6 Credit Points participants will have to give a presentation and write a term paper (4.500 – 5.500 words).
- Registration is possible **from 30 September to 14 October**. The number of participants is limited. Student registration via FlexNow is required. Please note that your registration is binding. The lecturer has no influence on your registration. **If you have any question regarding your registration please contact our secretary Ms Claudia Genslein ([claudia.genslein@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:claudia.genslein@uni-bamberg.de) or F21/3.18).**

## Course Outline

19/10/2021	Introduction to the Course
26/10/2021	What is the EU and how does it work? – Legislation in the European Political System
	<b>I. Theories of European Integration Old and New</b>
02/11/2021	Neofunctionalism and Liberal Intergovernmentalism
09/11/2021	Postfunctionalism
16/11/2021	The three Institutionalisms
	<b>II. Analyzing the EU's Institutions</b>
23/11/2021	Executive Politics and the European Commission
30/11/2021	The European Council and the Council of the European Union
07/12/2021	Legislative Politics at the European Parliament
14/12/2021	The European Court of Justice as a Driving Force for Integration?
21/12/2021	The European Agencies
	<b>III. Challenges to European Integration</b>
11/01/2022	Euro crisis: Division between North and South?
18/01/2022	Refugee Crisis: Division between West and East?
25/01/2022	Brexit and its Consequences
01/02/2022	Growing Authoritarianism in the EU
08/02/2022	Term Paper Proposal Discussion and closing session
31/03/2022	Term Paper Deadline

### **General recommended readings for the course:**

- Buonanno, Laurie and Neill Nugent (2013): Policies and Policy Processes of the European Union, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Cini, Michelle and Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán (eds.) (2016): European Union Politics, 5th ed, Oxford: Oxford University Press (or any later edition).
- Hix, Simon and Bjorn Hoyland (2011): The Political System of the European Union, 3rd edition, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Kenealy, Daniel, John Peterson and Richard Corbett (eds.) (2015): The European Union: How Does It Work?, 4th edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Saurugger, Sabine (2014): Theoretical Approaches to European Integration, Basingstoke; New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Wiener, Antje, Tanja A. Börzel and Thomas Risse (eds.) (2019): European Integration Theory, 3rd edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press.