

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

### 1. GENERAL

<b>SCHOOL</b>	ENVIRONMENT, GEOGRAPHY AND APPLIED ECONOMICS		
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	GEOGRAPHY		
<b>LEVEL OF COURSE</b>	UNDERGRADUATE (non compulsory)		
<b>COURSE CODE</b>	ΓΦ 1900	<b>SEMESTER</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> or 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	GEOGRAPHY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION		
<b>STRUCTURE OF TEACHING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>TEACHING HOURS PER WEEK</b>	<b>NUMBER OF CREDITS ALLOCATED (ECTS)</b>
		3	5
<b>TYPE OF COURSE</b>	Scientific area. Development of skills		
<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	-		
<b>LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION</b>	Greek		
<b>COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS (URL)</b>	In English		

### 2. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

<p><b>Learning outcomes</b>  <i>Describe the objectives of the course as well as the expected learning outcomes</i></p>
<p><b>Objectives</b>  The purpose of this module is to examine the different aspects (social, economic, political, cultural) of the geography of the EU and to help students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- develop knowledge and critical understanding of the EU – its historical development and institutional structure;</li> <li>- consider the process and the mechanisms of policy-making in the EU;</li> <li>--identify and understand the challenges European citizens are confronted with in a wide range of areas in the EU policy-making (economy, agriculture, environment, nationalist or other movements migration, etc.);</li> <li>-explore the enlargement process of the European space in the <i>longue durée</i> and to evaluate its impact upon the individual or collective identities of the citizens of the member states.</li> </ul> <p><b>Learning outcomes</b>  Students who take this module should at the end have obtained:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) insights into the nature of comparative study and European affairs</li> <li>b) understanding the key dynamics and problems of European integration</li> <li>c) an ability to analyze the relationship between the economic, cultural and political spaces of the EU.</li> </ol>

#### Skills to be acquired

By the end of this module students should be able to

- a) demonstrate a critical understanding of various subject areas of the geography of the EU.
- b) undertake library-based research, including the use of academic text books, journal articles, internet, electronic media resources
- c) identify a series of key themes relating to the function of EU

### 3. COURSE CONTENTS

This module traces the effects that membership in the EU has on our lives and our sense of place. It traces the conditions and the people that put forward the idea of a united Europe before and after the Second World War. It investigates the role of different EU institutions (Parliament, Commission, etc.). It examines the problems European citizens are confronted with and explores the key dynamics of European enlargement. It researches the perception of the European space in legislation, in politics, etc. It analyzes how different areas and centers of European policy-making - respecting security or foreign policy, pollution and environment, agricultural production, monetary system and economy, peripheries, geopolitical boundaries, migrations, nationalisms – influence the daily lives of European citizens and challenge our assumptions about nature, financial stability, space and individual or collective identities.

### 4. TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS

<b>TYPE OF LECTURES</b>	Lectures (face to face in the classroom)	
<b>ICT USE</b>	Use of ICT and internet during the lectures as well as in the class of the module (for teaching purposes).	
<b>TEACHING STRUCTURE</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Hours per semester</b>
	Lectures	26
	Weekly assignments	14
	Final essay	30
	Personal study	55
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT METHODS</b>	Assessment Language: Greek  Assessment Methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final essay and weekly assignments (40%)</li><li>• Final exams (60%)</li></ul> Criteria of assessments are to be announced at the beginning of every semester	

### 5. RECOMMENDED READING

Bibliography in Greek

Ioakeimides P.K., Η συνθήκη της Νίκαιας και το μέλλον, [The Treaty of Nice and the future]

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Ioakeimides P.K., *Evropaeki politike enosi. Theoria – diapragnatefsis – thesmoi kai politikes. Hi synthike tou Maastricht kai hi Ellada.* [European Political Union. Theory – negotiations -- institutions and politics. Maastricht Treaty and Greece] (Athens: Themelio, 1993).

Kafkalas Gr. – Adrikopoulou E., *O neos evropaikos choros. Hi dievrinsi kai hi geografia tis Evropaekis anaptyxis: H διεύρυνση και η γεωγραφία της Ευρωπαϊκής ανάπτυξης,* [New European space. The enlargement and the geography of the European Development] (Athens: Themelio, 2000).

Maravegias N. – Tsinisizelis M., (ed.), *Hi Oloklerosi tis Evropaekis Enosis* [The integration of European Union] (Athens: Themelio, 1999).

Μούσης Ν., *Evropaeki Enosi: Dikaio, Economia, Politike,* [European Union; Legislation, Economy, Politics] (Athens, Papazisis: 2008)

Nugent, N., *Politike kai Diakyvernisi stin Evropeaki Enosi* [translated in Greek by I. Tsolakidou, Al. Triantafyllou], [The Government and Politics of the European Union] (Athens, Savallas: 2004).

Maravegias N. – Tsinisizelis M., (ed.), *Nea Evropaeki Enosi. Organosi kai Politikes 50 Chronia* [New European union. Organization and Politics of 50 years] (Athens: Themelio, 2007).

Stefanou K. – Fatouros Ar. – Christodoulides Th. (ed.), *Isagogi stis evropaekes spoudes, Vol.A': Istoria –Thesmoi – Dikaio,* [Introduction of European studies, vol. A', History-Institutions-Law] (Athens: I. Sideris, 2001).

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Graham B., *Modern Europe: Place, Culture, Identity,* (London: Arnold, 1998).

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Meny Y., *Government and Politics in Western Europe: Britain, France, Italy, Germany* (Oxford University Press, 1993) [translated by J. Lloyd].

Milward A.S. *The Reconstruction of Western Europe, 1945-1952* (London: Routledge, 1984).

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Michael O' Neil, *The Politics of European Integration. A Reader,* (London: Routledge, 1996).

Neal L. & Barbezat D., *The Economics of the European Union and the Economies of Europe* (New York & Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998).

Smith D., Wright S., *Whose Europe?: The turn towards democracy* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1999).

Tsoukalis L. *What kind of Europe?* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003).

Sassen S., *Guests and Aliens,* (New York: The New Press, 1999).