



COURSE SYLLABUS

1. Information about the program

1.1 Higher Education Institution	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	European Studies
1.3 Department	European Studies and Governance
1.4 Field of study	International Relations and European Studies
1.5 Study level	Bachelor
1.6 Programme of study/ Qualification	International Relations

2. Information about the discipline

2.1 Title	The European Strategy regarding the Danube and the Black Sea						
2.2 Course holder	Scientific researcher. dr. Oana Poiană						
2.3 Seminar holder	Scientific researcher. dr. Oana Poiană						
2.4 Year of study	II	2.5 Semester	I	2.6. Type of assessment ¹	E	2.7 Type of module ²	OP

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 No. of hours per week	3	3.1 of which for course	2	3.3 of which for seminar	1
3.4 Total no. of hours in the curriculum	42	3.5 of which for course	28	3.6 of which for seminar	14
Time distribution:					Hours
Study by using handbook, reader, bibliography and course notes					28
Additional library/specialised online research, field research					6
Preparation of seminars/laboratories, homework, projects, portfolios and essays					20
Tutoring					2
Examinations					2
Other activities:					-
3.7 Total no. of hours for individual study					54
3.8 Total no. of hours per semester					100
3.9 No. of ETCS credit points					4

4. Prerequisites (where applicable)

4.1 of curriculum	•
4.2 of competencies	•

¹ E - exam, ME - multi-term examinations, C - collocutional examination/assessment test

² OB - core module, OP - elective module, F - extracurricular module

5. Conditions (where applicable)

5.1 For the development of the course	• -
5.2 For the development of the seminar/laboratory	• -

6. Specific skills acquired

Professional skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1. The use of elementary notions of the theory of international relations in the study of European and international processes • C4. The creation of strategies in the area of international relations and European affairs
Interdisciplinary skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT1. To manage information pertaining to the resolution of complex tasks in context (reception, transmission, modification and storage of information in specific documents), also by using an international language at an advanced level and a second one, at an intermediate or advanced level • CT2. To apply effective multidisciplinary team work techniques at various hierarchical levels

7. Course objectives (based on list of acquired skills)

7.1 General objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure knowledge and understanding of the European strategy of the Danube and Black Sea regions. Understanding the economic, cultural and energy security significance of these regions.
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the geopolitical and economic factors that define the two regions. • Understanding the interaction between the EU and the countries comprising the two regions. • Expertise in using key terms and concepts associated with the study matter.

8. Contents

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Introduction: presentation of the discipline and its requirements.	Interactive presentation	
2. The Black Sea Region: Country profiles and the Geopolitical Situation	Interactive presentation	Chris Miller, "Why the Black Sea?", Foreign Policy Research Institute, 2017, https://www.fpri.org/article/2017/01/why-the-black-sea/ .
3. The Black Sea Synergy Program.	Interactive presentation	European Commission, <i>Black Sea synergy</i> , http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-10-78_en.htm?locale=en .

4. The Eastern Partnership.	Interactive presentation	European Commission, The Eastern Partnership, https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/international-affairs/eastern-partnership_en . European Integration Index 2014 for Eastern Partnership Countries, http://www.eap-index.eu/sites/default/files/EaP%20Index%202014.pdf .
5. Hybrid Warfare and Frozen Conflicts	Interactive presentation	Filon Morar, Gabriel Anghel, "Hybrid Approaches to the Ukraine Crisis", Romanian Military Thinking, 2015 http://smg.mapn.ro/gmr/Engleza/Ultimulnr/anghel-p.56-75.pdf .
6. EU and Russia	Interactive presentation Debate	"Black Sea Rising. Russia's Strategy in Southeast Europe", Center for European Policy Analysis, 2016, http://cepa.org/files/?id_plik=2096 .
7. The Black Sea Region and NATO	Interactive presentation	Steven Horrell, "A NATO strategy in the Black Sea Region", Atlantic Council, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, 2016, http://www.css.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/special-interest/gess/cis/center-for-securities-studies/resources/docs/Atlantic%20Council-A%20NATO%20Strategy%20for%20Security%20in%20the%20Black%20Sea%20Region.pdf .
8. Ukraine and Republic of Moldova – European integration perspectives in the context of the geo-political situation	Interactive presentation Debate	European Commission, <i>Guide to the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement</i> , http://eeas.europa.eu/images/top_stories/140912_eu-ukraine-association-agreement-quick_guide.pdf European Commission, <i>EU-Moldova Association Agreement. What does the Agreement offer?</i> , https://eeas.europa.eu/moldova/pdf/quick_guide_eu_md_aa_en.pdf Wolczuk, Katarzyna (2014) <i>Ukraine and the EU: turning the Association Agreement into a success story</i> , European Policy Centre, http://www.epc.eu/documents/uploads/public_4360_ukraine_and_the_eu.pdf World Bank (2015) <i>Moldova Partnership Country Program Snapshot</i> , http://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/worldbank/document/Moldova-Snapshot.pdf
9. EU Enlargement: Turkey	Interactive presentation	Mustafa Aydin, "Turkish Policy towards the Wider Black Sea and the EU Connection", <i>Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies</i> , Vol 16, 2014.

10. Resources and Projects in the Black Sea Region.	Interactive presentation	Marco Siddi "The scramble for energy supplies to South Eastern Europe: the EU's Southern Gas Corridor, Russia's pipelines and Turkey's role", in <i>Turkey as an Energy Hub? Contributions on Turkey's Role in EU Energy Supply</i> , Nomos, 2017.
11. The Economy in the Black Sea Region.	Interactive presentation	Astrov, Vasily and Havlik, Peter (2008) <i>Economic Developments in the Wider Black Sea Region</i> , in in Daniel Hamilton and Gerhard Mangott (eds), <i>The Wider Black Sea Region in the 21st Century. Strategic, Economic and Energy Perspectives</i> , Center for Transatlantic Relations, Washington DC. Panagiotis, Gavras (2010) <i>The Current State of Economic Development in the Black Sea Region</i> , Commission for the Black Sea, http://www.harvard-rgp.org/static/files/411/black_sea_policy_report_economy.pdf .
12. The European Strategy regarding the Danube Region (1)	Interactive presentation	European Commission, <i>European Union Strategy for the Danube Region</i> , Action Plan, 2010.
13. The European Strategy regarding the Danube Region (2)	Interactive presentation	European Commission, <i>European Union Strategy for the Danube Region</i> , Action Plan, 2010.
14. Conclusions and Course Review	Interactive presentation	--

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1. Commission of the European Communities, *Black Sea Synergy - A New Regional Cooperation Initiative*, Brussels, 2007, http://eeas.europa.eu/enp/pdf/pdf/com07_160_en.pdf.
2. European Commission, *European Union Strategy for the Danube Region*, Brussels, 2010, http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/official/communic/danube/action_plan_danube.pdf.
3. Steven Horrell, "A NATO strategy in the Black Sea Region", Atlantic Council, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, 2016.
4. "Black Sea Rising. Russia's Strategy in Southeast Europe", Center for European Policy Analysis, 2016, http://cepa.org/files/?id_plik=2096.
5. Chris Miller, "Why the Black Sea?", Foreign Policy Research Institute, 2017, <https://www.fpri.org/article/2017/01/why-the-black-sea/>

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2. Nadia-Alexandra Arbatova, "Regional cooperation in the Black Sea Region in the context of EU-Russia relations", *Xenophon Paper*, 2008, pp 11-20
3. Yahhis Tsantoulis, "Black Sea Synergy and Eastern Partnership : Different Centers of Gravity, Complementarity or confusing Signals ? ", *Policy Brief*, no. 12, International Center for Black Sea Studies, 2009.
4. George Friedman, "Ukraine, Iraq and a Black Sea Strategy", *Stratfor*, 2014, <http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/ukraine-iraq-and-black-sea-strategy>.
5. Ciceo, Georgiana, "Hard Core Europe? Possible Scenarios for the Prospect of Differentiated Integration?", in Loth, Wilfried and Păun, Nicolae (eds.), *Disintegration and Integration in East-Central Europe*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2014.
6. Raluca Csernaton, "From Cold-War zero-sum to win-win scenarios between Russia and the West- The Black Sea is freezing again", 2014, <http://isiseurope.wordpress.com/2014/03/04/from-cold-war-zero-sum-to-win-winscenarios-between-russia-and-the-west-the-black-sea-is-freezing-again/>

8.2 Seminar / Laboratory	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Brief presentation of the regions. Challenges and opportunities for the EU	Interactive presentation	--
2. The geopolitical and geostrategic significance of the Black Sea Region.		Ronald Hatto and Odette Tomescu, "The EU and the Wider Black Sea Region: Challenges and Policy Options", Garnet Policy Brief, 2008, http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/garnet/policybriefs/policybrief5.pdf .
3. The Evolution of the EU Black Sea Policy -The European Neighbourhood Policy -The Black Sea Synergy -The Eastern Partnership -A new EU strategy for the Black Sea Region?	Text analysis / Case study	Fernando GARCÉS de LOS FAYOS, "The EU's Black Sea policy: Where do we stand?", Policy Briefing, http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/briefing_note/join/2013/491519/EXPO- AFET_SP(2013)491519_EN.pdf . Yahhis Tsantoulis, "Black Sea Synergy and Eastern Partnership: Different Centers of Gravity, Complementarity or Confusing Signals?", Policy Brief, no. 12, International Center for Black Sea Studies, 2009.
4. The Ukrainian crisis and the geopolitical reconfiguration within the Black Sea Region.	Text analysis / Case study	F. Stephen Larrabee et al, "Russia and the West After the Ukrainian Crisis. European Vulnerabilities to Russian Pressure", RAND Corporation, 2017, https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR1305.html .
5. The Black Sea Region: key area for diversification and for enhancing the European energy security.	Text analysis / Case study	Oscar Pardo Sierra, "A corridor through thorns: EU energy security and the Southern energy corridor" European Security Volume 19, Issue 4, 2010, pp.1-20.
6. The European Strategy regarding the Danube Region	Text analysis / Case study	European Commission, <i>European Union Strategy for the Danube Region</i> , Action Plan, 2010.
7. Recapitulation	Text analysis / Case study	--

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1. Ronald Hatto and Odette Tomescu, "The EU and the Wider Black Sea Region: Challenges and Policy Options", Garnet Policy Brief, 2008, <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/garnet/policybriefs/policybrief5.pdf>.
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2. Boris Toucas, "The Geostrategic Importance of the Black Sea Region: A brief history", Center for Strategic and National Studies, 2017, <https://www.csis.org/analysis/geostrategic-importance-black-sea-region-brief-history>.
3. Olga Shumylo-Tapiola, "Why does Ukraine Matter to the EU?" Carnegie Europe, 2013, <http://carnegieeurope.eu/2013/04/16/why-does-ukraine-matter-to-eu-pub-51522>.

9. The correspondence between the content of the course and the expectations of the academic community, professional associations and representative employers in the field:

The course develops the understanding of the geopolitical and economic situation in the Danube and Black Sea regions from the perspective of the EU and it enables students to correctly analyze the current regional phenomena.

10. Assessment

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Summative assessment that takes into account: - Answer the exam questions related to course material	Exam	70%
10.5 Seminar/Laboratory	Summative assessment that takes into account: - Participation in seminars and involvement in ongoing discussions within each seminar -Case study presentation	Seminar activity	30%
10.6 Minimum standard of performance			
For grade 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Course and seminar performance demonstrating that the student has attained at least 50% of the required knowledge regarding the course</i> 		For grade 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Active participation during classes and seminars</i> • <i>Course and seminar performance demonstrating that the student has attained all required knowledge regarding the course, including the ability to comment on the activities going on in the Danube and Black Sea regions.</i> 	

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