



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	Lect. univ. dr. Horaţiu Dan						
2.3 Seminar holder	Lect. univ. dr. Horaţiu Dan						
2.4 Year of study	II	2.5 Semester	I	2.6. Type of assessment ¹	C	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					30
Additional library/specialised online research, field research					10
Preparation of seminars/laboratories, homework, projects, portfolios and essays					8
Tutoring					6
Examinations					4
Other activities:					-
3.7 Total no. of hours for individual study					48
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	•
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¹ E - exam, ME - multi-term examinations, C - collocutional examination/assessment test

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

4.2 of competencies	•
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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.
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding 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. Course Overview.	Interactive presentation	

<p>2. The Black Sea Region: Country profiles and the Geopolitical Situation</p>	<p>Interactive presentation</p>	<p>The Economist Business Unit, <i>Democracy Index 2012</i>, http://www.eiu.com/public/topical_report.aspx?campaignid=DemocracyIndex2015</p> <p>The CIA World Factbook, https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/</p>
<p>3. The Eastern Partnership. The Black Sea Synergy Program.</p>	<p>Interactive presentation</p>	<p>European Commission, <i>The Eastern Partnership</i>, http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/international-affairs/eastern-partnership/index_en.htm</p> <p>Martínezgarnelo y Calvo, Georgiana (2014) <i>The Eastern Partnership as an expression of the European Neighbourhood Policy: reinforcing the European normative power with the Eastern Partners</i>, EASTERN JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN STUDIES Vol. 5, No. 1, http://ejes.uaic.ro/articles/EJES2014_05_01_MAR.pdf</p> <p>European Commission, <i>Black Sea synergy</i>, http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release MEMO-10-78_en.htm?locale=en</p>
<p>4. The Black Sea Region in the Context of the Refugee Crisis</p>	<p>Interactive presentation</p>	<p>McHugh, Jess si Tomkiw, Linda (2015) <i>EU Refugee Crisis: Black Sea, Arctic Routes To Europe Are More Dangerous And Longer Than Traditional Ways</i>, International Business Times, 16 Sept., http://www.ibtimes.com/eu-refugee-crisis-black-sea-arctic-routes-europe-are-more-dangerous-longer-2100300</p> <p>European Commission, <i>Implementing the EU-Turkey Statement</i>, http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release MEMO-16-1664_en.htm</p>
<p>5. Hybrid Warfare and Frozen Conflicts</p>	<p>Interactive presentation</p>	<p>Meyers, Reinhard (2014), <i>Hybrid Warfare and Humanitarian Intervention. Case Study: Russian Intervention in Ukraine</i>. Powerpoint slides.</p>

6. EU and Russia	Interactive presentation	<p>British Parliament, House of Lords, <i>The EU and Russia: before and beyond the crisis in Ukraine</i>, https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldselect/ldcom/115/115.pdf</p> <p>Pipescu, Nicu, <i>EU-Russia: overcoming stagnation</i>, European Union Institute for security Studies, http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/Brief_3_EU-Russia.pdf http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/Brief_3_EU-Russia.pdf</p>
7. The Black Sea Region and NATO	Interactive presentation	<p>Henrik Boesen Lindbo (2014) <i>Great Power Politics and the Ukrainian Crisis. NATO, EU and Russia after 2014</i>, Danish Institute for International Studies, https://www.diis.dk/files/media/publications/import/rp182014_lindboe_nato_forweb.pdf</p>
8. Ukraine and Republic of Moldova – european integration perspectives in the context of the geo-political situation	Interactive presentation	<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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/pub_4360_ukraine_and_the_eu.pdf</p> <p>World Bank (2015) <i>Moldova Partnership Country Program Snapshot</i>, http://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/Worldbank/document/Moldova-Snapshot.pdf</p>
9. EU Enlargement: Turkey	Interactive presentation	<p>Muftuler-Bac, Meltem (2016) <i>The European Union and Turkey: Transforming the European Periphery into European Borderlands</i>, European University Institute, http://cadmus.eui.eu/bitstream/handle/1814/39056/RSCAS_2016_12.pdf?sequence=1</p>

10. 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_reporti_economy.pdf
11. Resources and Projects in the Black Sea Region	Interactive presentation	Baev et al (2011) <i>Pipelines, Politics And Power. The Future Of Eu-Russia Energy Relations</i> , Centre for European Reform, pp.15-35, https://www.cer.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/attachments/pdf/2011/rp_851-271.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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2. Meyers, Reingard, Interventionen als Instrument der internationalen Politik: Entwicklung, Anspruch, Wirklichkeit, in: Bernhard Rinke/Christiane Lammers/ Reinhard Meyers/Georg Simonis (eds.): Interventionen Revisited. Friedensethik und Humanitäre Interventionen. Wiesbaden: Springer VS 2014, S. 21 - 85
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4. George Friedman, "Ukraine, Iraq and a Black Sea Strategy", Stratfor, 2014, <http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/ukraine-iraq-and-black-sea-strategy>.
5. Raluca Csernatonu, "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-win-scenarios-between-russia-and-the-west-the-black-sea-is-freezing-again/>.
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8.2 Seminar / Laboratory		
1. Brief presentation of the regions. Challenges and opportunities for the EU	Interactive presentation	Haines, John (2016) <i>By Love, Money, or Violence: The Struggle for Primacy in the Black Sea</i> , Foreign Policy Research Institute, http://www.fpri.org/article/2016/05/love-money-violence-struggle-primacy-black-sea/

<p>2. The Evolution of the EU Black Sea Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The European Neighbourhood Policy -The Black Sea Synergy -The Eastern Partnership -A new EU strategy for the Black Sea Region? 	<p>Text analysis / Case study</p>	<p>European Commission, <i>The Eastern Partnership</i>, http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/international-affairs/eastern-partnership/index_en.htm</p> <p>Martínezgarnelo y Calvo, Georgiana (2014) <i>The Eastern Partnership as an expression of the European Neighbourhood Policy: reinforcing the European normative power with the Eastern Partners</i>, Eastern Journal Of European Studies Vol. 5, No. 1, http://ejes.uaic.ro/articles/EJES2014_0501_MAR.pdf</p> <p>European Commission, <i>Black Sea synergy</i>, http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-10-78_en.htm?locale=en</p>
<p>3. The Black Sea Region in the Context of the Refugee Crisis</p>	<p>Text analysis / Case study</p>	<p>European Commission, <i>Implementing the EU-Turkey Statement</i>, http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-16-1664_en.htm</p>
<p>4. Russia and the EU in the Black Sea region Sharing spheres of influence.</p>	<p>Text analysis / Case study</p>	<p>Pipescu, Nicu, <i>EU-Russia: overcoming stagnation</i>, European Union Institute for security Studies, http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/Brief_3_EU-Russia.pdf</p>
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<p>6. EU Enlargement: Ukraine and Turkey</p>	<p>Text analysis / Case study</p>	<p>Barnes, Julian (2016) <i>Turkey Begins New Area of EU Membership Talks</i>, The Wall Street Journal, http://www.wsj.com/articles/turkey-begins-new-area-of-eu-membership-talks-1467294670</p> <p>Polityuk, Pavel, <i>Ukraine leader sees country applying for EU membership 'in 6 years time'</i>, for Reuters, 25th of September 2014, http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/25/us-ukraine-crisis-president-dUSKCN0HK0OL20140925</p> <p>Fraczek, Jennifer, <i>EU commissioner supports Ukraine's accession</i>, for Deutsche Welle, 31st of May 2014, available at http://www.dw.de/eu-commissioner-supports-ukraines-accession/a-7673773</p>
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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 and current relevant 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	Colloquium	70%

10.5 Seminar/Laboratory	Summative assessment that takes into account: - Participation in seminars and involvement in ongoing discussions within each seminar	Seminar activity	30%
10.6 Minimum standard of performance			
<p>For grade 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Colloquium and seminar performance demonstrating that the student has attained at least 50% of the required knowledge regarding the course</i> 		<p>For grade 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Active participation during classes and seminars</i> • <i>Colloquium 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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Date of departmental approval

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