

SYLLABUS

2021-2022

1. Information concerning the program

1.1 Institution	Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj- Napoca
1.2 Faculty	European Studies
1.3 Department	European Studies and Governance
1.4 Study field	International Relations and European Studies
1.5 Level	BA
1.6 Study line	International Relations and European Studies

2. Information concerning the course

2.1 Name of the course		Governance of the European Union. Theories and concepts					
2.2 Course instructor		Lecturer Radu Albu Comănescu, PhD					
2.3 Seminar instructor		Lecturer Radu Albu Comănescu, PhD					
2.4		2.5		2.6		2.7	
Study	III	Semester	5	Evaluation	Exam	Course	Mandatory
year				type		type	

3. Estimated teaching time per semester

3.1.N° of hours / week	3	3.2. of which : courses	2 hours	3.3.seminars	1 hours
3.4. N° of hours in the curriculum plan	42	3.5. of which courses	28 hours	3.6. seminars	14 hours
Time sequencing					Conventional
					hours
Courses					28
Further studying (additional readings, etc)				7	
Preparing seminars, papers, files, essays				7	
Coordinating				2	
Examination				2	





Other activities		
3.7. Individual	66 h	
study (total)		
3.8. Hours /	56 h	
semester (total)		
3.9. Credits	4	

4. Requirements

4.1. curricular requirements	Having taken the following classes :
	History of European Integration (course)
	The EU Institutions (course)
4.2. competence requirements	Knowledge of the English language

5. Conditions for teaching (if the case)

5.1. for teaching the course	
5.2. for the seminars	

6. Specific competences to be acquired

Professional
competences

6.1. Knowledge and understanding

Knowing and understanding the specific field of the European integration; Understanding the purpose, the actors and the methods involved and used in the European construction;

Understanding the institutional and political framework of the EU policy-making;

Becoming familiar with the particular processes of the EU;

Recognising the conditions and the limitations imposed by the EU treaties to the European institutions;

Becoming acquainted with Romania's position within the European political processes.

6.2. Explaining and interpreting

Explaining and interpreting projects, ideas, processes pertaining to the European integration;

Acquiring conceptual and theoretical instruments to analyse EU's performance and activity ;

Explaining the process of European integration seen through various theories (see below)

Presenting the most recent instruments of interpreting the European integration (the so-called "middle-level theories": interdependency, "multi-level governance", historical institutionalism, neo-institutionalism, the network theory, etc.;

Explaining intrinsic problems related to the European unity and integration (such as building a European identity, federal / federative symbols, the democratic deficit, the national principle vs the



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	transnational, etc.);		
	6.3. Applicative competences		
	Applying, using and mastering methods, techniques and investigation		
	instruments to (judiciously) evaluate the policies of the European Union ;		
Transversal	6.4. Approach and attitude		
competences	Acquiring a positive and responsible attitude towards the scientific field;		
	Understanding democratic values and relations;		
	Understanding a system of cultural and civic values;		
	Optimising the student's own creativity and analytical potential; Involving		
	the student in a mature social and civic partnership with other individuals and		
	with institutions :		
	a. Promoting the values of the European Union		
	b. Developing a pro-active attitude;		
	c. Developing communication skills;		
	d. Developing professional skills;		
	e. Acquiring and mastering a certain vocabulary related to the EU		
	integration process and perspectives;		
	f. Team-work ;		
	g. Ability to self-evaluate.		

7. Purpose and Objectives

7.1. General objectives	The course is designed to help students understand those specific conceptual and theoretical instruments absolutely necessary in comprehending the process of the European integration – both 'vertically' (in what concerns "the ever closer union") and 'horizontally' (the enlargement process) – with its unique features and its specific international context.
7.2. Specific objectives	Gaining knowledge of the main theories of the European integration; Using theoretical instruments to analyse the European integration.

8. Content

Course	Teaching technique	Observations
Introduction		
1. Concept of Europe (geocultural and political). The partitions of Europe (historical, cultural, religious, and from 1945 to	Interactive course	





1989)		
2. The Roots of the European Integration (post-War integration, politics and economy)	Interactive course	
3. The Concept of Integration. Definition and features, tendencies and problems	Interactive course	M. O'Neill, The Politics of European Integration. A Reader, 3-20. B. Rosamond, Theories of European Integration, 1-18.
4. Federalism	Interactive course	M. O'Neill, The Politics of European Integration. A Reader, 21-30, 123-127. B. Rosamond, Theories of European Integration, 23-31.
5. Functionalism	Interactive course	M. O'Neill, The Politics of European Integration. A Reader, 31-37. B. Rosamond, Theories of European Integration, 31-42.
6. Neofunctionalism	Interactive course	M. O'Neill, The Politics of European Integration. A Reader, 37-53, 127-130. B. Rosamond, Theories of European Integration, 50-74, 85- 98.
7. Intergovernmentalism. The Theory of the Two- Levels Game. Confederalism	Interactive course	M. O'Neill, The Politics of European Integration. A Reader, 54-77, 91- 99. B. Rosamond, Theories of European Integration, 75-81.
8. Liberal Intergovernmentalism	Interactive course	M. O'Neill, The Politics of European Integration. A Reader, 130-136. B. Rosamond, Theories of European Integration, 136-145.





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9. Multilevel Governance	Interactive course	M. O'Neill, The Politics of
		European Integration. A Reader,
		99-108.
		B. Rosamond, Theories of
		European Integration, 109-113.
10. The New	Interactive course	M. O'Neill, The Politics of
Institutionalism. Policy		European Integration. A Reader,
		136-139.



Networks		B. Rosamond, <i>Theories of European Integration</i> , 113-126.
11. Socio- Constructivism	Interactive course	B. Rosamond, <i>Theories of European Integration</i> , 166-175.
12. The Connection between the Theories of Integration, the Theories of International Relations and Political Sciences	Interactive course	B. Rosamond, Theories of European Integration, 186-198.
Conclusions		

Mandatory bibliography

See above, the observations colum.

Additional suggestion for study cases:

Paul Craig, Gráinne de Búrca, EU Law. Texts, Cases, Materials, 4th edition, Oxford, 2007

Seminars		
Introduction		
1. The EU Member	Open discussions	
States (overview)		
2. Federalism	Bibliography-based discussions Text analysis Critical approach Comparison	Julliette Lodge, "European Union and theFirst Elected European Parliament: the 'Spinelli Initiative'", in: Journal of CommonMarket Studies, 22(4), 1984, 377-402. Michael Burgess, "Federal ideas in the European Community: Altiero Spinelli And European Union, 1981-84", in: Government and Opposition, 19(3), 1984. Murray Forsyth, Federation, federal union, federal state, In: Murray Forsyth, Unions of States: The Theory and Practice of Confederation, Leichester, Leichester





University Press, 1981, 2-16. John Pinder, "European Community And nation-state: a case for neo-



		federalism?" In: International Affairs, 62(1), 1986, 41-54.
3. Functionalism	Bibliography-based discussions Text analysis Critical approach Comparison	David Mitrany, "The Prospect of Integration: Federal or Functional" in: Journal of Common Market Studies, 4(2),1965. David Mitrany, "The functional approach to world organization" in: International Affairs, no. 24, 1948, 350-361. David Mitrany, "The functional approach in historical perspective" in: InternationalAffairs, no. 47, 1971, 533-543.
4. Neofunctionalism	Bibliography-based discussions Text analysis Critical approach	Ernst B. Haas, "International Integration:The European and the Universal Process" in: International Organization, 15(3), 1961, 366-392.
	Comparison	Ernst B. Haas, PhillipeSchmitter, "Economics and Differential Patterns ofPolitical Integration: Projections AboutUnity in Latin America" in: InternationalOrganization, 18(4), 1964, 705-737. Ernst B. Haas, "The 'Uniting of Europe' and the 'uniting of Latin America'", In: Journal of Common Market Studies, 5(4), 1967, 315-343. JeppeTranholm-Mikkelsen, "Neofunctionalism: Obstinate or Obsolete?", In: Millennium: Journal of International Studies, 20 (1), 1991, 1- 22.
5. Intergovernmentalism. The Theory of the Two- Levels Game. Confederalism	Bibliography-based discussions Text analysis Critical approach Comparison	Stanley Hoffmann, "The European process at Atlantic cross purposes" in: Journal of Common Market Studies, 3(2), 1964, 85-101.





Web: euro.ubbcluj.ro Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Policy: The Logic of Two-Level Games" in: International Organization, 42(3), 1988, 427-460. Simon Bulmer, Domestic Politics and European Community Policy-Making, In:Journal of Common Market Studies", 21(3), 1983, 349-363. William Wallace, "Europe as a confederation: the Community and the nation-State" in: Journal of Common Market Studies, 20(1/2), 1982, 57-Paul Taylor, "The Politics of the EuropeanCommunities: The Confederal Phase" in: World Politics, 27(3), 1975, 336-360.



6. Liberal	Bibliography-based	Andrew Moravcsik, "Negotiating	
Intergovernmentalism	discussions	the	
-	Text analysis	Single European Act: National	
	Critical approach	Interests and Conventional	
	Comparison	Statecraft in the European	
		Community" in: International	
		Organization, 45(1),	
		1991, 19-56.	
		Andrew Moravcsik,	
		"Preferences and Power in the	
		European Community: A Liberal	
		Intergovernmentalist	
		Approach" in: Journal of	
		Common Market Studies,	
		31(4), 1993, 473-524.	
		Daniel Wincott, "Institutional	
		Interaction nd European	
		Integration: Towards an	
		Everyday Critique of Liberal	
		Intergovernmentalism" in:	
		Journal of Common Market	
		Studies,	
		33(4), 1995, 597-609.	
7. Criticising the EU.	Bibliography-based	http://www.cer.org.uk/	
	discussions	http://www.ukip.org/ issues	
	Critical approach		
	Comparison		





9. Corroborating the course and seminar activities with principles and criteria of the leading corporate or institutional potential employers

Governance of the European Union. Theories and concepts is illustrative for European Studies and represent a logical and complementary continuation of the courses taught at the Faculty of European Studies. The content is meant to analyse and complete the dominantly historical, juridical or institutional curricula on Europe and the EU. It brings in the theoretical features of the European integration. In doing so, TEI is closely connected to EU Law, but also to EU Institutions and the EU Decision-Making courses and contributes to a better understanding of the complex structure and functioning of the EU. Taking the class will increase the students' ability to understand the current political, economic, social and cultural issues of today's Europe, helping them in acquiring new competences and a broader picture of the governance in a European context.

10. Evaluation

Activity	10.1. Evaluation	10.2. Evaluation	10.3. Percentage final
	criteria	methods	grade
10.5. Course	Evaluation based on frequency of attendance, performance during the open discussions, and answers to the questions addressed	Evaluation based on written examination.	60%
10.6. Seminar	Evaluation based on frequency of attendance and performance during the seminars		40%
Minimal performance	standards		
For a 5 :		For a 10 :	
Attending 50% of classes and 50% of seminars ;		Attending at least 80% of classes and 80% of seminars; Seminar activity;	
Taking the final exam and answering to at least 50% of the questions ;		Taking the final exam and answering to at least 80% of the questions ; Reading the mandatory bibliography and at	
Reading the mandatory bibliography		least half the texts suggested as seminar bibliography	





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