

Project Module: Economics of the European Union (10 CP)

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1. Description of the Module

In this module, you learn to apply your knowledge of microeconomics and macroeconomics to various current policy questions related to the European Union.

After successfully completing the module, you will have acquired the following skills and competencies:

- Apply economic reasoning to analyze practical policy questions
- Collect, interpret and analyze economic data
- Assess the consequences of international economic integration
- Critically discuss selected current policy issues of the European Union

After a brief general introduction, you will first prepare a group presentation on a topic connected to the European integration. In this presentation you are expected to explain your topic to the other course participants by applying simple textbook style economic models. You will then prepare a second presentation and an essay that focuses on one specific policy question related to your topic.

The following topics will be covered in the course: (1) Migration within the EU (2) Common Agricultural Policy (3) Regional policy (4) Competition and state aid policy (5) Trade policy (6) European Monetary Union (7) The Stability Pact (8) Brexit: a first assessment (9) The Euro crisis (10) European response to the Covid crisis

2. Participants and Prerequisites

- Students of the study programs Betriebswirtschaftslehre/Business Administration (M.Sc.), Wirtschaftswissenschaft (M.Sc.), Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen (M.Sc.), Specialization Areas: Corporate Development and Strategy; Sustainability and Corporations;
- Exchange students with a background in business or economics

Maximum number of participants: 20

Language: English

Prerequisites: No formal prerequisites

3. Course Events and Assignments

The course comprises the following events:

(1) Kick-off meeting (2) First presentation (3) Second presentation.

The kick-off meeting will include a lecture style introduction to the economics of European integration. Participants will be made familiar with the presentation topics. Students then form groups and work on their first presentation. During this phase, students can get regular support during online office hours. In the first presentation colloquium, students specify their individual research questions for the essay and for the second presentation.

Attendance for project modules is compulsory!

Before registering, please check if you can participate at the specified dates. Please also note the **absence regulations specific to this module**.

Binding Timetable:

1. Kick-Off Event (attendance mandatory):
20.10.2021, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
2. First presentation (attendance mandatory)
09.12.2021, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm [examination]
3. Submission of written paper
25.01.2022, 11:00 am [examination]
4. Second presentation (attendance mandatory):
27.01.2022, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm [examination]
5. Regular office hours via Zoom (not mandatory)
Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Due to the current pandemic situation, the course may be held online (via Zoom).

4. Course Examination

- (1) Group presentation I (20%)
25 min. presentation + 10min. discussion
- (2) Group presentation II (20%)
25 min. presentation + 10min. discussion
- (3) Individual term paper (60%)
10 pages

5. Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for the kick-off event as well as for both presentations. Maximum allowed time of absence: 20%

6. Registration

Current information on the registration process including deadlines will be available on this website:

<http://www.wiwi.rwth-aachen.de/projektmodule>

7. Literature

Most of the course's topics are chapters of the following introductory textbook:

Baldwin, R.E. and C. Wyplosz (2019). The Economics of European Integration, 6th Edition, McGraw Hill.

8. Contact for further Information

Contents of the module

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