

Title:	European Integration and Political System
Lecture hours:	20
Study period: (summer/winter)	Summer or winter semester depending on the student's choice
Number of credits:	5
Assessment methods:	discussion during classes, oral exam
Language of instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	None
Course content:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Causes and circumstances of European integration - First European integration initiatives (European Defence Community, Western European Union, European Political Community, European Political Cooperation, Marshall Plan and Organization for European Economic Co-operation, European Coal and Steel Community, European Economic Community) - Structure of the European Union (on the basis of Maastricht Treaty and Lisbon Treaty) - European economic integration process - The process of the territorial extension of the European Communities/European Union - Schengen Agreements - Citizenship of the European Union - The composition and competences of European institutions: (European Council, Council of the European Union, European Commission, European Parliament, Court of Justice of the European Union, European Central Bank, Court of Auditors)
Learning outcomes:	This course will give the students an insight into the European integration process and the structure of the European Union. The course is divided into two parts. In the first part, we will pay attention to the creation and the development of the EU and the second part will be devoted to its institutional structure and functioning.
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Literature:	B. F. Nelsen and A. Stubb, <i>The European Union: Readings on the Theory and Practise of European Integration</i> , 2014 J. McCormick, <i>European Union Politics</i> , 2015 R. Folsom, <i>European Union Law in a Nutshell</i> , 2014 http://europa.eu/ (Web Portal)