



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2023

7,371: Foreign Policy of the European Union

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

decentral - Written work, Digital, Group work group grade (40%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Presentation, Analog, Group work group grade (40%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Active participation, Analog, Individual work individual grade (20%)

Examination time: Term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[7,371.1.00 Foreign Policy of the European Union](#) -- English -- [Lehmkuhl Dirk](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Open to all interested in EU and foreign policy issues; political science knowledge would be an advantage.

Learning objectives

Your learning in this course comprises

- A knowledge of the main actors and the functioning of the policy-making processes in European foreign policy.
- An understanding of the EU's international role across several policies and regions.
- A capacity to analyse the EU's foreign policy.
- An ability to classify current developments and the role of the EU in international politics.

Course content

«This is no time for uncertainty: our Union needs a Strategy. We need a shared vision, and common action.» The statement by Federica Mogherini, then High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, in the preface to the European Union's foreign policy guideline "Global Strategy" of 2016 has not lost its validity in 2023. However, the appearance of the European Union foreign policy is quite contradictory. On the one hand, the EU seems to have progressed on both common action and strategy with its by now eleventh package of sanctions in reaction to the Russia's invasion of Ukraine and its new "de-risking" approach towards China. On the other hand, the EU faces numerous challenges. These include, for example, the question of coherence between the policies of the member states and European foreign policy or the so far unfulfilled ambition to strategic autonomy. While the EU is perceived as a strong trade power and claims an international leadership role, especially in climate policy, both the EU's actions and its perception in international security policy are significantly weaker.

In this course, we will address the nature and contents of European foreign policy. This implies an engagement with main analytical approach, a discussion of a selected fields of external action of the European Union and an overview of current developments in EU foreign policy. The final decision on the fields we engage with will jointly be made according to the interests of the participants in the first session.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

We will meet weekly, read and discuss mandatory readings, engage with peers and their presentation.



Course literature

All relevant information, mandatory reading and supplementary materials will be accessible on Canvas at the beginning of the term.

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Written work
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Written work
Examination mode	Digital
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	Off Campus
Grading type	Group work group grade
Weighting	40%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

groups à 2 design a curriculum

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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2. Examination sub part (2/3)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Presentation
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Oral examination
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	Off Campus
Grading type	Group work group grade



Weighting 40%
Duration --

Examination languages

Question language: English
Answer language: English

Remark

Group presentation supported by visualization

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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3. Examination sub part (3/3)

Examination modalities

Examination type Active participation
Responsible for organisation decentral
Examination form Oral examination
Examination mode Analog
Time of examination Term time
Examination execution Synchronous
Examination location On Campus
Grading type Individual work individual grade
Weighting 20%
Duration --

Examination languages

Question language: English
Answer language: English

Remark

each session: written comments & questions

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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Examination content

The assignments include the following aspects:

- Active Participation and a written comments & questions by every student individually to mandatory reading of every session;
- A group presentation on a selected European foreign policy topic; with 25 min max; questions for discussion; supported by visualisation and reading list;
- Reflection paper: small groups of 2 students design a curriculum on Course EU FP (incl. course outline, course structure,



themes, assignments).

Examination relevant literature

All relevant information and literature will be accessible on Canvas at the beginning of the term.

Please note

Please note that only this fact sheet and the examination schedule published at the time of bidding are binding and takes precedence over other information, such as information on StudyNet (Canvas), on lecturers' websites and information in lectures etc.

Any references and links to third-party content within the fact sheet are only of a supplementary, informative nature and lie outside the area of responsibility of the University of St.Gallen.

Documents and materials are only relevant for central examinations if they are available by the end of the lecture period (CW51) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 42 are relevant for testing.

Binding nature of the fact sheets:

- Course information as well as examination date (organised centrally/decentrally) and form of examination: from bidding start in CW 34 (Thursday, 24 August 2023);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 16 October 2023);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 45 (Monday, 06 November 2023);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the de-registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 06 November 2023).