

Vesalius College
Course description

Course title: Economics of the European Union

Course code: ECN 334E

Teacher responsible: Robert Scott Gassler

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Begins with a brief overview of EU history and institutions. Examines the theory of economic integration, both micro and macro, and policies of the single European market: competition, transport, energy, environment and labour. It also looks at structural policies: agriculture, fisheries, regional policy and social policy. Also studied are external relations and enlargement.

Prerequisite: One course each in economics and political science or permission of instructor.

Course objectives:

By the end of the course students should be able to:

1. Describe the major theoretical models covered in class verbally, geometrically, and in some cases mathematically.
2. Apply these models to the solution of numerical problems and simple narrative cases.

Describe the limitations of the models in both theory and application.

Grade weighting scheme:

First Midterm Examination	20%
Second Midterm Examination	20%
Final Examination	30%
Term paper	30%
Proposal and Preliminary Bibliography	5%
Descriptive Outline	5%
First Draft	5%
Final Paper	15%

Used course material (handbooks, readers, readings, newspapers, magazines) and references:

Jacques Pelkmans. *European Integration: Methods and Economic Analysis*, 3rd ed.
Financial Times Press, 2007.