Main objective of the course

The objective of this course is to make the European Union (EU) understandable as a “non State” political regime for undergraduate students.

The lectures will investigate the decision-making, the policy-making, but also the debates around the democratic nature and the power in the EU. The course will be based as much as possible on empirical evidence. However, it will also introduce the main academic debates about the theory of European integration.

- The power point used by the professor and readings for each course will be available on gmail/sciences Po. There is a special file devoted to the course “Politics in the EU”. The course is scheduled on Monday, 5-7pm, from 1 September 2014 until 24 November 2014.

(1) 01/09/2014 - The institutional design of the EU: who is doing what?

**COMPULSORY READING:**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**


(2) 08/09/2014 – Debates on the constitutional nature of the EU since the mid-1980s.

**COMPULSORY READING:**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**


(3) 15/09/2014 - Interest groups and policy-making in the European Union.

**COMPULSORY READING:**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

(4) 22/09/2014 - National politics and the European Union: why do Member States matter?

**COMPULSORY READING:**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**


(5) 29/09/2014 - Enlarging the European Union: still possible?

**COMPULSORY READING:**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

(6) 06/10/2014 - How to accommodate institutional differentiation in the EU?

**COMPULSORY READING:**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**
JAMET, Jean-François (2013), article on ‘differentiation’ in CHOPIN (Thierry) and FOUCHET (Michel), Schuman Foundation’s Report 2013 on the state of the EU, Springer, 2013.


(7) 13/10/2014 - Why do Member States implement or not EU policies?

**COMPULSORY READING:**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**


(8) 27/10/2014 - The politics of the Eurozone. Is the Euro going to survive?
COMPULSORY READING:

RECOMMENDED READING:


(9) 03/11/2014 - Public opinions, euroscepticism and the EU

COMPULSORY READING:

RECOMMENDED READING:


(10) 10/11/2014 - What kind of power is the EU in the world?

COMPULSORY READING:

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

ZIELONKA, Jan (2011) 'The EU as an International Actor: Unique or Ordinary?', *European Foreign Affairs Review*, Issue 3, p. 281–301

(11) 17/11/2014 – What are the EU policies vis-à-vis migrants, asylum seekers and refugees?

**COMPULSORY READING:**
GEIS, Wido, UEBELMESSER, Silke, WERDING, Martin (2011) ‘Why Go to France or Germany, if You Could as Well Go to the UK or the US? Selective Features of Immigration to the EU ‘Big Three’ and the United States’, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Issue 49, Number 4, p. 767-796.

**RECOMMENDED READING:**


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**Basic textbooks for the course**


**Readings**
For each lecture, one compulsory reading is indicated. It is an obligation for the students to look at this literature, available on Gmail, before the lecture. The other readings are recommended.

**Tutorials**
The tutorials will be organized by teaching assistants. Their purpose is to answer students’ questions, clarify the concepts and deepen the knowledge on issues studied during the class as well as to help the preparations for presentations.

Exam

The final mark will be based on the tutorials (60 per cent) and a final exam (40 per cent). The final exam will be a class essay or a text commentary (two hours; possibility to choose one topic among two proposals).