

Module 10	Current Topics in EU Law and Politics				
	Module type		Compulsory elective		
	Module number		952007100		
	Credit points (LP)		10 LP		
	Semester hours per week (SWS)		4 SWS		
	Semester	3rd semester	Workload (total)		300 h
	Term	Every fall semester	of which	Classroom hours	60 h
	Duration	1 semester		Self-study	240 h
Qualification objective	<p>At the end of this module, students are able to identify key research perspectives and concepts in law and political science in relation to current issues in EU decision-making, legislation, adjudication and politics. They can distinguish how lawyers and political scientist respectively would have addressed a similar analytical or normative issue or problem. Moreover, they are able to juxtapose, compare and synthesise these perspectives in their individual research. They are able to propose, apply and defend analytical perspectives, which genuinely combine legal studies and political science scholarship. Students can identify what topics in contemporary EU law and politics are of particular political salience and have profound legal implications. They can distinguish between current and long-term implications. Finally, students are able to derive research tasks and objectives from the discussion of current EU affairs and implement research agendas, which are simultaneously based on legal and political science scholarship, independently and within the context of small research groups. Students, who because of their own academic or professional background and/or research objectives are primarily applying either one of the disciplinary perspectives, are able to critically review and complement their arguments and scientific analysis by referring to insights from the complementary discipline.</p>				
Expertise	<p>Students are able to participate in multidisciplinary teams. They can break down complex legal and political questions of pressing importance to EU policy, politics and law into manageable sub-questions and sub-problems. Students are able to analyse political questions from a legal point of view and vice versa. They can provide legal and policy advice which combines an assessment of political and legal implications. They can relate these implications to particular aspects and stages of the EU policy-process identify the involved institutional actors and locate the relevant stages of the EU decision-making cycle.</p>				
Methodological competence	<p>Students are able to devise research designs and analytical frameworks that combine the two differing disciplinary perspectives in one analytical setting. They can infer a combined research methodology based both on political science and legal methodologies. Students are able to outline and defend their interdisciplinary approach in relation to alternative single-discipline approaches. They are knowledgeable of important academic forums and publication outlets that are open to combined legal and political science analysis. They can identify and use prominent resources for their research, such as legal texts and databases.</p>				
Social and personal skills	<p>Students are able to engage in a critical discussion with each other and the professors, work individually and in small, as well as larger groups. They can participate in and lead debates in inter-disciplinary academic and professional settings.</p>				
Course and study format	In-class debates, group work, small project group research, op-ed.				

Continuation of Module 10:

Module coordinator	Professor Uwe Puetter and Professor Anna Katharina Mangold
Prerequisites	None
Applicable degree program	M.A. European Studies
Comments/Other	-

M 10: Sub-module 1	Core seminar ,current topics in EU law and politics'				
	Sub-module ID number	952007101	Course type		Seminar
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)		90 h
	Type of sub-module	Required	of which	Classroom hours	30 h
	Planned group size	30		Self-study	60 h
M 10: Sub-module 2	Key issues in contemporary EU governance and judicial affairs				
	Sub-module ID number	952007102	Course type		Seminar
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)		90 h
	Type of sub-module	Required	of which	Classroom hours	30 h
	Planned group size	30		Self-study	60 h
M 10: Module examination	Module Examination				
	<i>Modulprüfung</i>				
	Examination number	952007105	Scope of the exam		See comments
	Examination type	Paper with Presentation	Exam preparation and examination time		120 h
	Graded exam?	Yes			
	Comments on the module examination	Paper (3500 words) with presentation (15-20 Min.)			
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