

Module 2	European Union Politics and Policies				
	Module type		Required		
	Module number		952006020		
	Credit points (LP)		10 LP		
	Semester hours per week (SWS)		4 SWS		
	Semester	1st 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>The aim of this module is to understand and analyse the European Union (EU) as a political system featuring particular patterns of politics and policy-making. It introduces students to the EU's core political institutions and to the EU's main policy areas. They learn to distinguish different political actors in the policy process such as transnational party groups and the European Parliament, national governments and the Council and European Council, EU civil servants and the European Commission as well as NGOs. While obtaining insight into the practice of EU policy-making, students learn to apply different theoretical and analytical approaches to studying EU politics and policies. Moreover, the module enables students to distinguish between different roles the EU has in relation to its member states within different policy areas – ranging from supranational legislative competences to intergovernmental policy coordination. Throughout the course, current issues in EU policy-making are reviewed.</p>			
Expertise		<p>By the end of this module, students are able to attribute different roles in decision-making to different types of political actors. They are able to identify the EU's main roles in major public policy domains and can formulate assessments and expectations of the implications for the further course of European integration and national politics and policies. At an analytical level, students are able to engage in independent research on EU policy-making and the roles and function of EU institutions by using different theoretical and methodological perspectives and strategies.</p>			
Methodological competence		<p>At the backdrop of in-class discussions and course readings, students can independently develop empirical or theoretical arguments and research questions on EU topics. Using qualitative and/or quantitative methods, students are competent analysing EU data from sources such as EUR-Lex, Eurostat, Eurobarometer and others. They can present their research in an oral, written and visual form and are confident in drafting a research design for their term paper. The course motivates the transition from students writing a term paper towards drafting a research-based paper preparing for the M.A. thesis.</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. Thereby, participants will also become comfortable with debating in an academic setting.</p>			
Course and study format		<p>Formats include classroom discussions, individual work, and different forms of group work. Moderated peer-to-peer supervision will be encouraged for preparation of the research-based term paper. The writing of policy briefs will incentivise the participants' engagement with current EU topics.</p>			

Continuation of Module 2:

Module coordinator	Professor for Empirical Research on Europe (Prof. Dr. Uwe Puetter) and Junior Professor for European and Global Governance (Prof. Dr. Christof Roos)
Prerequisites	None
Applicable degree program	M.A. European Studies
Comments/Other	-

M 2: Sub-module 1	European Union Politics and Policies I			
	Sub-module ID number	952006021	Course type	Lecture
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)	90 h
	Type of sub-module	Required	of which	Classroom hours
Planned group size	42	Self-study		60 h
M 2: Sub-module 2	European Union Politics and Policies II			
	Sub-module ID number	952006022	Course type	Lecture
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)	90 h
	Type of sub-module	Required	of which	Classroom hours
Planned group size	42	Self-study		60 h
M 2: Module examination	Module Examination			
	<i>Modulprüfung</i>			
	Examination number	952006025	Scope of the exam	13-15 pages
	Examination type	Paper	Exam preparation and examination time	120 h
	Graded exam?	Yes		
	Comments on the module examination	-		
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