

Master of Arts European Studies							Rules and Regulations 2019			
Module title		European Politics and Governance								
Module 3 Compulsory module 952001030	Credit points	Weekly semester hours	Student workload (total)	Required classroom hours	Required self-study hours	Period	Frequency of course offering	Stage of study		
	5	2 SWS	150 h	30 h	120 h	1 semester	Every autumn semester	1st semester		
Learning objective	Students examine European politics in terms of its actors, decision making processes and underlying theory. Students will: understand policy and decision making in European politics from a theoretical and applied perspective. They identify core functions and competences of EU institutions and are able to explain different patterns of EU decision making across policy fields. At the end of the module students are familiar with key political science debates on EU institutions and policy making.									
Professional competence	The political system of the EU is studied as a polity with an executive, the Commission, a legislative, the Council of the EU and the European Council and European Parliament, as well as a judicial branch, the European Court of Justice. Upon completion of the course students can associate each of the actors involved in EU decision making and its structures and processes: the Council of the EU and the European Council, the Commission, the European Parliament, and the European Court of Justice. The reading of current political science debates on these EU institutions' functions and interactions touch upon core empirical and normative questions. For example: does the EU have a democracy deficit? Is the European Council dominating decision making? How does the EU Commission live up to its role in safeguarding the Treaty and promoting EU integration?									
Methodological competence	Students conceptualise EU politics as driven by supranational actors and spill-overs, member states' economic interests, or as a process determined by institutional interactions across levels. Building on these three perspectives discussed in the theoretical literature on EU integration and public policy the course studies the Community method: students identify the core actors' competencies and potential influence on policy outcome.									
Interpersonal competence	Students apply the acquired knowledge on EU decision making and institutions on selected policy fields: e.g. the environment, Justice and Home Affairs as well as current affairs. The content of the last two sessions will be determined according to current EU developments at the time (e.g. Brexit, enlargement, treaty reform, other). Thereby the module teaches theoretical concepts of EU decision making, knowledge on EU institutions as well as their interaction in policy making.									
Teaching and learning formats	The module will be taught combining classical lecture type elements with interactive elements. Students work on questions proposed by the professor and contribute to class by presentations and discussion. A syllabus with compulsory weekly readings and a list of additional readings will be made available at the start of the course (EUF e-learning platform 'moodle'). Additional readings will be made available through moodle when these are not accessible through the EUF library. Slides used for the lecture will be made available on Moodle.									
Module coordinator	Professorship in European and Global Governance (Prof. Dr. Christof Roos)									
Module prerequisites	None									
Module transferability	M.A. European Studies									
Sub-modules										
Nr.	Title	Teaching method	Weekly semester hours	Compulsory-/ compulsory elective	Examination type	Graded?	Planned group size	Student workload		
								Classroom hours	Class preparation and review	Exam preparation and review
1.	952001031 EU Institutions and Policy Making	Lecture	2	Compulsory			42	30	60	
x	952001035 Module examination				Paper including presentation	Yes				60
Notes on the module examination:	Research paper (approx. 15 pages) and presentation (10-15 minutes)									
Comments/ Other:										