



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Introduction to the European Union: a Unique Supranational Beast - 54800*

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*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 2nd degree (Master)

*Responsible Department:* European Studies

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Coordinator Office Hours:* Mondays after the course, preferably, send email in advance to set meeting.

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Teaching Staff:

Dr. Maya Sion

Course/Module description:

The European Union is a unique "beast" from political, institutional, governmental, economic and legal perspectives. It is also unique from disciplinary point of view - much more than international organization but less than a state. As such it is a challenge to researchers.

The course will examine its uniqueness since WWII until the euro and refugee/asylum and Brexit crisis today. It will explain how the EU works and analyze the change of institutional equilibrium along the years and the policy incremental transformations in the single market, euro, schengen zone and foreign and security policy.

Course/Module aims:

To develop wide knowledge and deep understanding and analysis capacity about the European integration project from historical, political-institutional, policy perspectives.

To introduce the students to major theoretical approaches analyzing the EU.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. to define the basic terminology of European integration
2. To describe, explain, compare and analyze the ups and downs in the integration process.
3. to analyze the integration process with different theoretical tools
4. to generalize and exemplify processes and phenomena in the integration process

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures, discussions and debates, possible students presentations or decision-making simulation

Course/Module Content:

1. historical development of the European integration process
2. the main institutions of the EU: Commission, Council, European Parliament, European Court of Justice

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3. decision making processes
  4. Budget and main policy areas
  5. Crisis and other debates/discussions

Required Reading:

Detailed information will be provided in the course's website (Moodle).

Additional Reading Material:

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Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %  
Presentation 0 %  
Participation in Tutorials 0 %  
Project work 0 %  
Assignments 30 %  
Reports 0 %  
Research project 0 %  
Quizzes 0 %  
Other 70 %  
debate &/or simulation

Additional information:

This course is the obligatory one for enrolling to the study tour course to Brussels.

The course is open to BA in their third year.

Up to 5 bonus points may be given for active and contributing participation in the course (according to lecturer's consideration).

Possible changes may take place in the syllabus. The obliging version of the syllabus is in moodle.

All students must follow the announcements in moodle.