

**FACULTY OF SOCIETY AND SCIENCE
STUDY COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Course Title:	The Politics and Business of the European Union				
Course code (LAIS):	PolZ5015				
Study programme:	Business Environment Administration				
Level of Study programme:	<input type="checkbox"/>	1st level professional higher education			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Bachelor			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Professional Master			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic Master			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	PhD level			
Type of Study programme:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Compulsory course (Part A)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Professional specialization courses (Part B, compulsory)			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional specialization optional courses (Part B, optional)			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elective courses (Part C)			
Course Workload:	Credits	ECTS	Academic hours	Contact hours	Independent work hours
	2	3	80	24	56
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	Consultation: Friday after class				
Study Form:	Full-time studies				
Study year, semester:	Autumn semester, academic year 2018/2019				
Language:	English				
Prerequisites for the Course:	None				
Course Summary:	This course provides an overview of the main policy players and the major common economic policies of the European Union. The emphasis will be on understanding the reasons for particular choices of economic policy actions, taking into account the preferences of individual member states and of the various EU institutions, as well as the changing international context.				
Course Methods:	The form of studies: lectures, seminars, case studies. Study types: literature studies, literature overview, presentations, discussions, research, essays.				
Assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar presentations and answers to the questions – 30% • Discussion and debate activity in seminars – 10% • Essay (individual course paper) – 30% • Final (examination) work – 30% Positive assessment for the final work (examination) is a prerequisite for positive final course assessment (minimum grade 4).				
Requirements for Credits:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance of lectures is free option. 2. Attendance of seminars is compulsory. You are expected to attend each seminar. 3. Active participation in seminars by taking part in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • presentations of the seminar topics on the basis of required readings and ability to answer additional questions, • discussion and debate about the issues raised in the seminar, which will be judged in terms of the quality and thus will give a possibility to receive additional points. 4. Seminar presentations should be submitted electronically until 5.00 p.m. in the day of seminar. 5. Essays should be submitted electronically in a timely fashion. Failure to submit an electronic version of your individual coursework (essay) will be treated as failure to submit. Penalties for late submission: one degree less per each day. 6. Essays should be fulfilled corresponding to the methodological instructions. Papers must be typed, in length between 13-15 pages, one and half-spaced, and in 12 point type. 				

	<p>7. Although it is a handy source for quickly finding information about any topic, Wikipedia is not an acceptable source for your course paper. The quality of the information provided there is not sufficiently reliable for the purpose of real research.</p> <p>8. All academic work must meet the academic standards contained in “Statement of Academic Ethics”. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated and can result in penalties.</p> <p>9. Postponing of seminar presentations and exam is justified only in exceptional emergency cases (illness etc.), approved by official documents. In the case of absence student should inform the course instructor until the beginning of seminar / exam.</p> <p>10. Exam is not allowed without submitting an essay and seminar presentations.</p>																
Abiding by the Academic Ethics	<p>Students must abide by the academic and research ethics, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences Ethics Regulations, incl.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – study papers must be independently developed; – the study work should reference all statements, ideas and data used that have been authored by someone else; – appropriate data acquisition methods should be used in the acquisition of data, the research ethics must be respected, empirical data must be collected independently and cannot be distorted or falsified; – the examination must be carried out by the student independently, without the use of supporting materials and/or consultations with other students, unless the lecturer states otherwise. <p>In the event of non-compliance with the academic and research ethics, punishment is imposed in accordance with the ViA Ethics Regulations and the study course must be re-taken, unless the punishment is exmatriculation.</p>																
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Course Compulsory literature:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Desmond Dinan „Ever Closer Union: An Introduction to European Integration”, 3rd edition, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2005 2. Ian Bache, Simon Bulmer, Stephen George, Owen Parker “Politics in the European Union”, 4th edition, Oxford University Press, 2015 3. Ali M. El-Agraa “The European Union: Economics and Policies”, 9th edition, Cambridge University Press, 2011 4. Neill Nugent “The Government and Politics of the European Union”, 7th edition, Palgrave Macmillan, 2010 																
Course additional literature:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helen Wallace, William Wallace, Mark A. Pollack (eds.) „Policy-Making in the European Union”, 5th edition, Oxford University Press, 2005 2. Simon Bulmer and Christian Lequesne (eds.) „The Member States of the European Union”, Oxford University Press, 2005 																
Course confirmation date:	January 6, 2020.																
Date of course description update:																	

Study Course Plan:

Date	Theme	Academic hours		Study Form/ Organization of independent work of students and task description
		Contact hours	Independent work hours	
<i>The date is specified before the implementation of the course</i>	EU main institutions. The treaty of Lisbon. EU Policies: General Trends and Characteristics	4	4	Literature studies.
	The Common Agricultural Policy	4	8	Literature studies. Seminar presentations and answers to the questions. Discussion and debate activity in seminars.
	Economic and Monetary Union	4	8	Literature studies. Seminar presentations and answers to the questions. Discussion and debate activity in seminars.
	Cohesion Policy and Structural Funds. The Single Market	4	8	Literature studies. Seminar presentations and answers to the questions. Discussion and debate activity in seminars.
	Energy Policy. Common Commercial Policy. Development Policy. Migration. Brexit. The Future of Europe	4	8	Literature studies. Seminar presentations and answers to the questions. Discussion and debate activity in seminars.
	Deadline to submit an essay : November 9, 2018 (until 13:00). Exam	4	20	Essay. Exam.
Hours total:		24	56	