

RTU Course "United Europe and Latvia"

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General data

Code	HSP380
Course title	United Europe and Latvia
Course status in the programme	Compulsory/Courses of Limited Choice; Courses of Free Choice
Responsible instructor	Aleksejs Špitņikovs
Volume of the course: parts and credits points	1 part, 2.0 Credit Points, 3.0 ECTS credits
Language of instruction	LV, EN
Annotation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Essence of a joint Europe. 2. Joint European institutions. 3. Secure integration of economic, social and political aspects. 4. Latvia and the European Union: perspectives and problems. 5. What the Lisbon Treaty means in the development of the EU with
Goals and objectives of the course in terms of competences and skills	<p>Study Aim: To enable students to take advantage of the opportunities available through the EU, thereby becoming informed and well-rounded citizens.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ability to discern the existence of the impartiality of the EU and the need for every EU citizen's support. 2. Making a closer connection of the individual's needs and values to the values of the European Union. Knowing how to act under the general principles of democracy. 3. EU information resources.
Structure and tasks of independent studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student will be expected to work on their own with provided literature and web resources. 2. Students will be expected to demonstrate their comprehension of the topics covered in each lesson.
Recommended literature	<p>Nugent, N. Government and Politics in the European Union. London, Palgrave, 2007.</p> <p>Peterson, J., Schackleton, M. The Institutions of the European Union. Third Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.</p> <p>Giddens, A. Europe in the Global Age. Cambridge, Polity, 2007</p> <p>Augstkalns U. Apvienotā Eiropa un Latvija. R.: RTU, 2005.</p> <p>www.europa.eu</p>
Course prerequisites	High school's course of modern history.

Course contents

Content	Full- and part-time intramural studies		Part time extramural studies	
	Contact Hours	Indep. work	Contact Hours	Indep. work
1. Europe as a historical and cultural community	2	4	1	4
2. The beginnings of the European Community	2	4	1	4
3. The European Union: it's foundation and common values	2	2	1	8
4. The process of enlargement of the European Union	2	2	1	6
5. The evolution of the Treaty framework	2	2	1	8
6. The European Commission	4	2	1	2
7. How the Council of the European Union works	2	2	1	2
8. The inner workings of the European Union's Parliament	2	2	1	2
9. The European law court and other institutions.	2	4	1	4
10. The policies of the EU	2	2	1	2
11. The foreign relations of the EU	4	2	1	8
12. Conceptualization of the EU	4	4	1	6
13. Europe's topical social and political problems	2	2	1	4
14. The future prospects of the EU	4	4	1	2
15. Tests	4	2	2	2
Total:	40	40	16	64

Learning outcomes and assessment

Learning outcomes	Assessment methods
1. Knowledge of the development of the European Community and its goals and values	Discussion / Test
2. Comprehending the common policies between Latvian and EU politics.	Discussion / Test
3. Knowledge of the functions of the main institutions of the EU and the policy processes	Test

4. Awareness of the opportunities made available by the European Union and how they can impact the individual.	A discussion to acquaint the student with the possible advantages available to them will follow
5. Ability to identify the future challenges of the EU.	Discussion / Final test

Evaluation criteria of study results

Criterion	%
Lecture attendance	10
Participation in discussions and seminars	20
Tests	20
Final test/exam	50
Total:	100

Study subject structure

Part	CP	Hours per Week			Tests			Tests (free choice)		
		Lectures	Practical	Lab.	Test	Exam	Work	Test	Exam	Work
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