



THE CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT
COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course Unit Title	EU Institutions, Policies, and Legal Framework	
Course Unit Code	MP 500	
Type of Unit	Elective	
Level of Course Unit	Second cycle	
Year of Study	First/second year	
Semester	On demand	
Number of ECTS Credits	6.0 ECTS	
Teaching hours	28	
Course Unit Objectives	The aim of this course is to give a critical overview and an in-depth understanding of the political, institutional, legal and economic dimensions of the EU and of European integration. The lectures will provide a general and multifaceted overview on the political-institutional developments of the EU and its history. Decision-making will be discussed looking at the inter-institutional interaction dynamics and at the formal and informal processes behind them. In particular, the following aspects will be discussed: the integration process over time, the most recent institutional developments, the EU's theoretical foundation and the main related concepts, the Union's institutional, political, and economic nature, and the tension between "widening" and "deepening".	
Learning Outcomes	On completion of the course the students are expected to be able to:	
	CILO 1	Comprehend the historical development of the process of European integration
	CILO 2	Acquire in-depth understanding of the composition, functions, and tasks of the key EU institutions
	CILO 3	Be able to analyse the EU policy-making process and the inter-institutional dynamics
	CILO 4	Assess the relevance and implications of European integration and EU policies
	CILO 5	Critically assess the institutional and political developments EU and discuss the future trajectories
	CILO 6	Be able to critically discuss the most recent and most relevant pan-European issues
Name of Lecturer(s)	Dr. Eleni Apostolidou	
Mode of delivery	Face to Face	
Prerequisites or corequisites	None	
Course Content	1. The EU integration process: historical and theoretical overview,	CILO 1
	-2. EU institutions: composition, functioning, and their role in the decision-making process - The European Commission - The Council of the EU and European Council - The European Parliament - Other institutions - The role of the Member states	CILO 2
	EU policy-making process and the inter-institutional dynamics	CILO 3
	The practice of EU integration: EU policies (internal dimension) - Conferral, subsidiarity, proportionality - EU policy cycle - Regulatory and re-distributive policies - Focus on current issues	CILO 4 & 5
	4. The practice of EU integration: EU policies (external dimension) (CILO 5 & 6) - Common Foreign and Security Policy - Enlargement - European Neighbourhood Policy and Eastern Partnership - Competing models of regional integration	CILO 5 & 6

Recommended or required reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nugent (Neill), The Government and Politics of the European Union, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan, 2017 (8th edition). • John McCormick (2015). European Union Politics. Palgrave MacMillan • Additional articles and readings for the seminars and lectures will be made available in due time • Hix (Simon) and Hoyland (Bjorn). The Political System of the European Union. Palgrave Macmillan, 2014 (3rd edition). • McCormick (John). Understanding the European Union: A Concise Introduction. Palgrave Macmillan, 2017 (7th edition)
Planned learning activities and teaching methods	Lectures; in-class discussions and debates; in-class exercises; team work; video case studies; student presentations.
Assessment methods and criteria	<p>Class Participation: 20%</p> <p>Final Test: 50% (It consists of a mix of open and closed (multiple-choice) questions addressing the main dimensions discussed during the course.</p> <p>Critical Review: 30% (It is a written assignment of around 1000 words on one suggested article/reading in which the student critically reviews and analyses the main arguments & contributions of the article and adds his/her own perspective in light of both the relevant intended learning outcomes and own country experience)</p>
Language of Instruction	English
Work Placement(s)	Not applicable