

Master in International Economics and Public Policy

European Integration (Winter semester 2021/2022)

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The goal of this course is to become familiar with important facts, concepts and models that are necessary to understand the real economic and monetary aspects of European integration.

Organization

Teaching modalities in times of Covid19:

- The **European Integration-course** (lecture and tutorial) will take place **on campus** during the **winter semester 2021/22**. Due to the **ongoing Corona pandemic**, caution is still advised. In particular, the **regulations for on-campus teaching** set by **JGU Mainz** apply (e.g. the “**3G-rule**”, the **collection of contact details** and the **mandatory use of face masks** in the classroom). **Further information** can be found here: <https://www.studying.uni-mainz.de/corona-students/>.
- **Lectures** take place on **Thursday, 10.15 to 11.45 am** in **Room 00 211 HS I**.
- **Tutorials** take place on **Wednesday, 4.15 to 5.45 pm** in **Room -1 331 HS IX**.
- Some of the tutorial slots in the first weeks of the semester will be used for lectures. A **detailed schedule** will be uploaded into our course on the **LMS/Moodle platform** shortly before the start of the semester.

- Note that the **first lecture** will take place on **Wednesday, October 27 2021 at 4.15 pm**.
- The **lecture and tutorial presentations** (in pdf format) can be downloaded from **the LMS/Moodle platform** at JGU Mainz (<https://lms.uni-mainz.de/moodle>). Those students **who have registered for the course in JOGUSTiNe** will automatically be assigned to the European Integration-course on the **LMS/Moodle platform**.
- In addition to classroom lectures and tutorials, students will have access to **lecture and tutorial videos** recorded during the **winter semester 2020/21**, which cover roughly the same material. The respective link will be communicated via our course on the **LMS/Moodle platform**.
- All **changes and news** will be disseminated by email via **LMS/Moodle**. Make sure you regularly check your **JGU students email-address**.

Audience:

The course is an elective module in the specialization part (**International Economics**) and in the free part of the **M. Sc. in International Economics and Public Policy**. It can also be attended as an elective module by students of the **M. Sc. in Management and Accounting and Finance**.

How to proceed:

- Register for the course in **JOGUSTiNe**, which is a prerequisite to be assigned to the **European Integration-course** on the **LMS/Moodle platform**.
- Make sure you regularly check your **JGU students email-address** to which relevant information will be sent.

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Program

Part I: History, facts and institutions

Part II: The microeconomic perspective

- Trade policy and regional trade agreements
- Market integration and imperfect competition
- European labour markets and unemployment
- Migration
- Brexit

Part III: The macroeconomic perspective

- Exchange rate regimes and the trilemma
- The theory of Optimal Currency Areas
- Monetary integration
- The Euro crisis and future developments

References

The course will heavily draw on the following textbook:

Baldwin, Richard and Charles Wyplosz (2020). The Economics of European Integration. Sixth Edition. McGraw-Hill.

(Earlier versions of this book can also be used.)

Further references will be announced in the course.