



Module Specification

Europe Reloaded

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Europe Reloaded

Module code: UZQY6G-15-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Politics

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: The module covers four main thematic blocks in the study of European Union politics:

1. Theorising and conceptualising the broad framework for understanding the EU's

internal and external relations - introduction to the contending approaches used to understand and explain the key patterns of the EU's political activity and its organisational engagement along geographical and functional lines.

2. Key institutions and processes that enable the European Union to be an actor and to be active in a range of policy sectors - analysis of core areas of Europeanization and the extent to which the political settings and policies of the member states have converged around distinct European positions and procedures, including an analysis of the instruments that allow for the continuation of European integration, and their assessment in terms of accountability and legitimacy, consistency and coherence as well as efficiency and effectiveness.

3. An examination of the strengths and weaknesses of substantive EU policies pursued in the internal and external arena – recognising historical preconditions for intra– and interregional cooperation with special reference to the European Political Economy, the Single Market, Justice and Home Affairs, the Common Foreign and Security Policy, and EU Treaty reform.

4. Critical reflection on the normative assumptions related to Europe's internal and external challenges – focused discussion of the work of authors who have linked the various aspects of the module with a civilian power image, the development of a coherent strategy and particular policy programmes such as Economic and Monetary Union and the Eastern Partnership.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: See Assessment Strategy.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Demonstrate knowledge of, differentiate between and assess the validity of the main theoretical approaches to the study of the politics of the European Union.

MO2 Explain and compare different institutional features of EU Policy in relation to the member states and their interactions with a variety of European political actors, and provide an evaluation of their consequences.

MO3 Critically assess historical and contemporary issues in European Union politics through the analysis of relevant text sources and official documentation.

MO4 Effectively communicate complex arguments related to Europe's internal and external role both verbally and in writing.

MO5 Construct clear and persuasive arguments using a wide range of factual and scholarly material relating to the policy and politics of the European Union.

MO6 Present prepared material orally in a complex and dynamic simulation environment.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqy6g-15-3.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqy6g-15-3.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: There are two assessments: a short presentation and a written position paper, both of which are factors in a simulation game.

The position paper requires a student to take on the role of an actor in the EU Council of Ministers and to write a position paper in response to a given Council negotiation. It will provide students with an opportunity to further develop their skills in advancing a clear and persuasive argument. Students will be encouraged to deploy critical analysis in order to develop and support the argument. In addition students will be able to enhance their research skills, independent study, and a skill of clearly articulating and communicating complex ideas in writing and within a set word limit.

The position paper provides a resource for the oral presentation of a country position during the simulation game. Students will be encouraged to deploy a focused analysis in order to develop and support a particular objective during negotiations. In addition, students will be able to enhance their research skills, independent study, and a skill of clearly articulating and effectively communicating complex ideas orally within a set time limit.

Assessment tasks:**Presentation (First Sit)**

Description: Individual presentation (10 mins)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Position paper (1500 words)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Individual presentation (10 minutes)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Position paper (1500 words)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Politics and International Relations [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Politics And International Relations [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA
(Hons) 2020-21

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA
(Hons) 2019-20

Politics And International Relations [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Politics And International Relations [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19