

UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS - VARNA
FACULTY OF „MANAGEMENT“
DEPARTMENT „SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES“

ACCEPTED BY:

Rector:

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SYLLABUS

SUBJECT: “EUROPEAN STUDIES”;

DEGREE PROGRAMME: Accounting; „Bachelor’s Degree“;

YEAR OF STUDY: 2; SEMESTER: 4;

TOTAL STUDENT WORKLOAD: 180 h.; incl. curricular 60 h.

CREDITS: 6

DISTRIBUTION OF WORKLOAD ACCORDING TO THE CURRICULUM

<i>TYPE OF STUDY HOURSE</i>	WORKLOAD, h.	TEACHING HOURS PER WEEK, h
CURRICULAR:		
incl.		
• LECTURES	30	2
• SEMINARS (lab. exercises)	30	2
EXTRACURRICULAR	120	—

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I. ANNOTATION

The optional course “European Studies” offers basic knowledge on the history, treaties, structure, institutions, administration system and the perspectives of future developments of the European Union (EU). It includes the theory behind the ideas of the foundation and operation of EU as well as the public policy for their realization.

The thematic units of the program include the following topics: history of the European Idea and the foundation of EU; establishment of EU – treaties and conventions; structure of EU – basic institutions; functioning of EU – types of power (executive, legislative, and judicial), theories and practices; Foreign policy and security policy of EU; European educational space - organization and perspectives; Bulgaria and EU.

*Expected **RESULTS**:*

- *During the course “European Studies” the students will acquire the necessary knowledge and analytical skills in order to analyze such a diverse processes as the ongoing dynamic development in EU;*
- *The interdisciplinary and comparative methodology of the course “European Studies” will facilitate the student’s abilities to recognize and interpret the links between the different spheres of knowledge (History, Political Science, Economics, etc.);*
- *Attending the course “European Studies” is an integral part of professional and civil education of the young economists that will seek realization in the common European labor market.*

II. THEMATIC CONTENT

No. по ред	TITLE OF UNIT AND SUBTOPICS	NUMBER OF HOURS		
		L	S	L.E.
UNIT I. INTRODUCTION IN THE EUROPEAN STUDIES		2	2	
I.1	European Studies and their subject			
I.2	The European Studies as part of the contemporary university education			
I.3	The European Studies and their sources of information			
UNIT II. HISTORICAL RETROSPECTION OF THE EUROPEAN IDEA. THE TREATIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION		10	10	
II.1	The birth of the European Idea and it’s evolution until the middle of the 20 th century – between the myths and the historical reality			
II.2	The treaties of the European Community – stages of its development			
II.2 .1	Frist stage of the establishment of the Community – from the end of Second World War to the Treaty of Paris (1945-1951)			
II.2 .2	Second stage: from the Treaty of Paris to the Treaties of Rome (1952-1957)			
II.2 .3	Third stage: from the Treaties of Rome to the Single European Act (1957-1987)			
II.2 .4	Fourth stage: from the Single European Act to Maastricht Treaty (1987-1991)			
II.2 .5	Fifth stage: from the Maastricht Treaty to the Amsterdam Treaty (1991-1997)			
II.2 .6	Sixth stage: from the Amsterdam Treaty to the Treaty of Nice (1997-2001)			

II.2 .7	Seventh stage: from the Treaty of Nice to the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe (2001-2004)			
II.2 .8	The Constitution of EU – an unattainable goal			
II.2 .9	The crisis which followed the rejection of the Constitution – factors and possible explanations			
II.2 .10	Eighth stage: from the failed Constitution to the Treaty of Lisbon			
II.2 .11	Retrospection of the development of the European Community			
UNIT III. THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION – PRINCIPLES OF IT'S ESTABLISHMENT		2	2	
III. 1	The European Union – parameters and numbers			
III. 2	What is EU? A new model – EU: a political system but not a state. EU is not an ordinary international organization			
III. 3	Theories for the European integration and the policy of EU			
III. 4	The political system of EU and USA – a comparative analysis			
UNIT IV. INSTITUTIONAL ORGANISATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION		2	2	
IV. 1	How is functioning the EU – three institutional levels			
IV. 2	Level “Politics”			
IV. 3	Level “Administration”			
IV. 3.1.	The principle institutions of EU			
IV. 3.2.	The advisory bodies of EU			
IV. 3.3.	The financial authorities of EU			
IV. 3.4.	Other specialized bodies of EU			
IV. 4.	Level “Policy formulation”			
UNIT V. THE EXECUTIVE POWER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION		2	2	
V.1	The policy of the executive power of EU			
V.2	Administration through the Council of the EU			
V.3	Administration through the European Commission (EC)			
V.4	Comitology: interaction of the dual executive power			
UNIT.VI THE LEGISLATIVE POWER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION		2	2	
VI. 1	Legislative system of EU			
VI. 2	Legislative policy of the Council of EU			
VI. 3	Legislative policy of the European Parliament (EP)			
UNIT VII. THE JUDICIAL POWER OF EUROPEAN UNION		2	2	
VII	The Legal System of EU			

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VII .2	The Court of Justice of the European Communities – staff, procedure, jurisdiction			
VII .3	The Court of Justice of the European Communities and the constitutional process of EU			
VII .4	Innovations in the Judicial System of EU according to the Treaty of Lisbon			
VII .5	The Court of Justice of the European Communities and the European Law – summary and assessment			
UNIT VIII. COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY (CFSP) OF EUROPEAN UNION		2	2	
VII I.1	Essence and beginning of the common foreign policy of EU			
VII I.2	The turning point: the Maastricht Treaty and the common foreign policy of EU			
VII I.3	CFSP of EU – directions of its development in the last decade of the 20 th and the first decade of the 21 st century.			
VII I.4	CFSP/ESDP today – a generalization and results			
UNIT IX. EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL POLICY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION		2	2	
IX. 1	Principles and organization of the European Educational Space			
IX. 2	The European Educational Programs			
IX. 3	The European System for transfer of Credits. Possibilities and organization of the student and scientific mobility.			
UNIT X. BULGARIA NAD THE EUROPEAN UNION		4	4	
X.1	Historical, cultural and political potential of the Bulgarian membership in EU			
X.2	Bulgaria and EU in the last decade of the 20 th Century: first steps towards the European membership			
X.2 .1	The changes in the country in the late 80s and early 90s: political and economic background of the first Bulgarian steps towards the European membership			
X.2 .2	First official contacts between Bulgaria and EU. The beginning of the Negotiation period			
X.3	“Coming back in the European Family”: Bulgaria and EU in the first decade of the 21 st century.			
Total:		30	30	

III. FORMS OF CONTROL:

No. by row	TYPE AND FORM OF CONTROL	№	extra-curricular, h.
1.	Midterm control		
1.1.	Exam – test (open, closed, and mixed type of questions)	1	20
1.2.	Paper on a given topic	1	40
Total midterm control:		2	60

2.	Final term control		
2.1.	Examination (test)	1	60
	Total final term control:	1	60
	Total for all types of control:	3	120

IV. LITERATURE

REQUIRED (BASIC) LITERATURE:

- 1. Русев, И.** Европеистика. Кратък електронен учебник. Второ допълнено и преработено издание. Издателска къща „СТЕНО” – Варна, 2014. (ISBN 978-954-449-477-3)
- 2. Русев, И.** Глобализация. Кратък електронен учебник и библиография. Издателска къща „СТЕНО” – Варна, 2013. (ISBN 978-954-449-647-0)
- 3. Русев, И.** Европейският съюз и информационното общество. Електронен учебник. Изд. „Наука и икономика”. Икономически университет – Варна, 2013. (ISBN 978-954-21-0684-5)
- 4. Русев, И.** Европеистика. Електронен учебник. Изд. „Наука и икономика”. Икономически университет – Варна, 2016. (ISBN 978-954-21-0889-4)
- 5. Русев, И. (съавтор).** Европейска икономическа интеграция. Учебник. Варна, Изд. „Онгъл“, 2014. Други авт.: Атанас Тодоров Атанасов, Иван Динев Русев, Иван Владимиров Илиев, Веселина Василева Димитрова, Александър Асенов Шиваров, Георги Маринов Георгиев, Петьо Тодоров Бошнаков, Валентина Генова Макни.

RECOMMENDED (ADDITIONAL) LITERATURE:

- 1. Хикс, Саймън.** Политическата система на Европейския съюз. Второ издание. Изд. „Парадигма”, София, 2007.
- 2. Марков, Г.** Светът през XX век. С., 2000.
- 3. Джонсън, П.** Съвременността. Светът от 20-те до 90-те. С., 1993.
- 4. Шрьотер, Х.** Европа – политика, икономика, история, култура. Изд. „Рива”, София, 2002.
- 5. Панушев, Е.** Икономическа интеграция в Европейския съюз. Изд. “НЕКСТ”, София, 2003.
- 6. Генов, Г, Е. Панушев.** За по-голям и по-силен Европейски съюз. Изд. “НЕКСТ”, София, 2001.
- 7. Анерозе, Йорг-Рюдигер Зик.** Европа – история, личности, институции, политика, държави. Изд. „Дамян Яков”, София, 2007.
- 8. McAllister, R.** From EC to EU: An Historical and Political Survey. London (Macmillan).
- 9. Dedman, M.** The Origins and Development of the European Union, 1945–1995. London, 1996.

MAIN INTERNET SOURCES:

1. Официален web-site на ЕС: <http://europa.eu/abc/treaties>
2. Портал за европейска интеграция, Европа, ЕС – „Europe.bg”: <http://www.europe.bg>
3. Официален web-site на БТА с информация за историята на кандидат-членството и членството на България в ЕС: <http://www.bta.bg/site/bulgaria-eu/index.shtml>
4. Официален web-site на Съвета на ЕС: <http://www.consilium.eu.int>
5. Официален web-site на Европейската комисия: http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm

6. Официален web-site на Европейския парламент: (<http://tinyurl.com/eot48>)
7. Официален web-site на Съда на ЕС: <http://curia.europa.eu/>
8. Институции на Европейския съюз: <http://www.horizonti.bg/evro/institution.htm#14>
9. Web-site с информация за ЕС – „Дневник Европа”: [EurActiv](#)
10. Международен образователен сървър на UNESCO „D@dalos”: <http://www.dadalos-europe.org/bg/>
11. Интернет-речник думи, свързани с ЕС: EUABC.com
12. Многоезична терминологична база на ЕС „IATE”: <http://iate.europa.eu>
13. Енциклопедия „Уикипедия”: <http://bg.wikipedia.org/wiki/>