



EC 396 SPAIN AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

IES Abroad Madrid

DESCRIPTION:

This course offers the theoretical foundations of economic integration, the origin and most relevant aspects of the European construction, the composition and functioning of the main European institutions, as well as the characteristic aspects of the Spanish economy in the European environment. Likewise, the integration of the markets for goods, services and factors in the Single European Market and monetary integration are studied, with its consequences from the point of view of monetary and fiscal policies. The integration of Spain in the EU will be highlighted and the main common policies as well as the budgetary policy of the European Union are presented as a key element to finance the different common policies.

CREDITS: 3

CONTACT HOURS: 45 Hours

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: Spanish

PREREQUISITES: Although there are no previous prerequisites, it would be desirable for students to have basic knowledge of economics and history.

ADDITIONAL COST: None

METHOD OF PRESENTATION:

The contents of the course will have a correspondence with the material offered in Moodle. The Moodle bibliography and material will offer different points of view on the contents of each chapter. The classes will include a presentation by the teacher and will be open to debate, seeking to encourage the participation and opinion of students on current European events. Students will have to make a presentation and written assignments on the date indicated by the teacher.

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT

- Class participation - 10%
- Presentation and debates - 20%
- Midterm Exam - 35%
- Final Exam - 35%

Course Element

Class Participation: Active participation in class discussions and activities is expected. Students should come prepared, having completed assigned readings, and contribute thoughtfully to debates and presentations.

Presentations & Debates (between midterm and final): Student-led presentations followed by guided class debates that integrate key course concepts.

Midterm Exam: Written exam covering material from the first half of the course.

Final Exam: Written exam covering material from the second half of the course.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- Understand the history and the development of the European process of integration.
- Have a better knowledge of the Spanish Economic Structure and its current changes due the European Union. (EU).

- Understand the euro (financial, economic and monetary integration, who decide the policy mix in the European Central Bank) and the external European policies (common trade policy and the system of European external relations).
- Have a better knowledge of the European policies and means of actions, as well as its objectives and its effects on the Member States.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

As a member of our class community, you are expected to be present and on time every day. Attending class has an impact on your learning and academic success. For this reason, attendance is **mandatory for all IES Madrid classes**, including course-related excursions. Absences will only be excused in cases of documented medical or family emergencies. Any assessed work, including exams, tests, and presentations, will be rescheduled if the absence is justified; otherwise, it will be graded as 0. You are allowed a maximum of 1 unexcused absence for once-a-week courses and 2 unexcused absences for twice-a-week courses. Each additional absence will deduct 5 points from your final grade. **Accumulating 7 or more absences in twice-a-week courses, or 4 or more in once-a-week courses, may lead to a failing grade.** Students arriving more than 11 minutes after the scheduled start time will be marked as 'late.' Three 'late' arrivals will be counted as 1 absence. Any student arriving 30 minutes or more after the scheduled start time will be marked as 'absent.' For more information, please refer to the full [Attendance and Punctuality Policy](#) document.

CONTENT

Sessions	Content	Assignments
Session 1 & 2	Introduction to the European Integration.	• 12 Lecciones sobre Europa, cap. 1 y 3
Session 3 & 4	The History of the European Integration and Spain.	• 12 Lecciones sobre Europa, cap. 2, y cronología
Session 5 & 6	Analysis of European integration: Evolution of the EU and functioning.	• Historias del siglo 20 http://www.historiasiglo20.org/europa/index.htm
Session 7 & 8	The economy of the Member States and de Spanish economy.	• 20 años de España en la UE • Eurostat (Basic figures)
Session 9 & 10	The European Institutions and it rules.	• 12 lecciones sobre Europa, cap. 4 y 5
Session 11 & 12	The European Budget	• Budgetary system http://ec.europa.eu/budget/explained/budg_system/index_en.cfm
Session 13 & 14	The European Internal Market and it rules.	• 12 Lecciones sobre Europa, cap. 6
Session 15 & 16	European Monetary Integration: The euro and the EBC.	• 12 lecciones sobre Europa, cap. 7
Session 17 & 18	European Internal Policies.	• 12 Lecciones sobre Europa, cap. 8
Session 19 & 20	The importance of Cohesion Policies in Europe.	• 12 Lecciones sobre Europa, cap. 9 y 10
Session 21 & 22	The European External Policies.	• 12 Lecciones sobre Europa, cap. 11 • Comisión Europea: la UE en el mundo.
Session 23 & 24	Perspectives for the European Integration and Spain.	• 12 lecciones sobre Europa, cap. 12 • Comisión Europea: Hacer negocios

Note: The course will offer additional material in Moodle: Power Point presentations, statistics, and complementary readings offered by the teacher to deal with current issues and importance for the subject and the group of students.

REQUIRED READINGS:

- Comisión Europea: La UE en el mundo. *The EU in the World. A Statistical Portrait* (UE 2013, varios años).
- Comisión Europea (2017): *12 lecciones sobre Europa*. UE (Ed. actualizada de *Pascal Fontaine* https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu_es) -Disponible también en Inglés-
- Unión Europea: *Doce lecciones sobre Europa*. (Edición actualizada de la obra escrita por Pascal Fontaine para la Comisión Europea)

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

- Brunet, F. (2010): Curso de integración europea. Madrid: Alianza.
- Buitrago, E. y Romero, L. (2013): *Economía de la Unión Europea. Análisis económico del proceso de integración europeo*. Ed. Pirámide: Madrid.
- Comisión Europea: *Hacer negocios con la Comisión Europea*. (UE 2009, varios años).
- Comunidades Europeas (varios años): *Estadísticas básicas*. Eurostat: Luxemburgo.
- Eurostat (varios años): *Europa en Cifras*. Luxemburgo: OPOCE.
- Fernández Navarrete, D. (2014): *Fundamentos económicos y políticas de la Unión Europea*. Ed. Delta, Madrid.
- Jordán Galduf, J. M. (coord.) et al. (2008): *Economía de la Unión Europea*. Madrid: Civitas.
- Nieto Solís, J.A. (2005): *La Unión Europea. Una nueva etapa en la integración económica de Europa*. Ed. Pirámide: Madrid.
- Piedrahita, S., Steinberg, F., Torreblanca, J. (2006): 20 años de España en la Unión Europea. Real Instituto Elcano (Madrid). Complemento: *30 años de España en la UE*.