

Module Descriptor – EU Studies

Module – Short Title

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Level

3

Credits

10

Semester

2

Pass Mark

40%

Module Description

This course introduces the student to the European Union and examines its development, its institutions, and its relation to the world and also considers the future direction of the European Union.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this module students should be able to:

- Describe the basic institutional and political structures of the EU, their functions and how they operate
- Analyse and assess the development of the EU in a broader political and economic context
- Summarise the arguments in the debate surrounding the future of the EU project
- Relate the developments in the EU with the potential impact on the financial services industry in terms of codes, regulation and legislation.

Prior Learning:

- Requirements – Completion of all subjects at Stage 2

Assessment

- Examination
- Seven questions, with candidates required to answer any three
- 50% of Final Grade
- 3 Hours
- Continuous Assessment (50%) - comprising 2 pieces of assessment worth 25% each (essay) mid semester.

Workload (hours)

• Class Contact = (3full days on campus of 6 hours each)	18
• Specified Learning Activities [assignments etc.]	
o Reading =	30
o Assignment =	45
o Reflective learning =	25
• Autonomous Student Learning	
o Class preparation =	10
o Self-Directed Learning =	50
o Exam Preparation =	27
o Exam =	3
• Total =	208

Students will be expected to reflect upon how the course concepts are applicable in their own workplace. A central feature of this module will be the sharing of the application and experience during class and the illustration of this experience in the coursework submitted. Advance preparation for the occasional classes scheduled, as part of this distance-learning module will be an important feature. Readings and questions to be reflected upon in advance of each meeting with the module tutor will be assigned at the start of the semester.

Additional Information

- The module is aimed at students who want to understand the EU and its operation and aspire to management and senior management careers in Financial Services.
- The module seeks to investigate and evaluate the EU project, its origins, its institutions, its processes, its place in a global context and its possible future direction.