

COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
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Course level (study cycle)	Master
Semester the course is delivered	Autumn
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	Face-to-face

Course title in Lithuanian

Europos Sąjungos kaimynystės politika

Course title in English

Neighborhood Policy of the European Union
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Short course annotation in Lithuanian

Šis studijų dalykas skirtas giluminei Europos Sąjungos kaimynystės politikos analizei atlikti, nagrinėjant svarbiausius ES kaimynystės politikos dokumentus bei teorines prieigas. Kurso metu yra studijuojami, lyginami ir vertinami istoriniai, instituciniai ir finansiniai aspektai, atliekama ES rytinio ir pietinio vektorių lyginamoji analizė. Siekiama suvokti Lietuvos ir kitų ES valstybių interesus. Diskusijų, savarankiško darbo metu studentai atlieka atvejų analizes, vertina bei prognozuoja ES ir kaimyninių šalių santykių perspektyvas.
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Short course annotation in English

The course is aimed at in-depth analysis of the aims and instruments of the European Union Neighborhood Policy within a framework of existing theories of European integration. History, institutional framework, financial basis are to be studied. By case studies, Eastern Partnership, ex-Yugoslavian, and Mediterranean vectors of Neighborhood Policy are to be understood. Interests of Lithuania as well as other EU states are to be understood. Abilities of interpreting and prognosticating perspectives of European Neighborhood Policy are to be developed.

Prerequisites for entering the course

One of the courses on EU integration.

Course aim

Abilities of analyzing, comparing and evaluating problems and perspectives of relations between European Union and its neighboring countries
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Links between study programme outcomes, course outcomes and criteria of learning achievement evaluation

Study programme outcomes	Course outcomes	Criteria of learning achievement evaluation
Discussing and arguing topics of diplomacy and international relations	Interpreting and prognosing perspectives of European Neighborhood, forming individual point of view	Individual interpretation of perspectives of EU Neighborhood
Analyzing theoretically problems of international relations	Explaining institutional status of European Neighborhood Policy	Design of institutions forming and administrating explained, inter-relations between them understood
	Understand status of EU Neighborhood policy within broader EU policies' context	Inter-relations of between Neighborhood policy and othe EU policies

Follow events and being able analyzing them	To compare relations between particular states and European Union	Analytical written work (case study) fulfilled on comparison EU relations with particular neighboring states
	To evaluate priorities of Lithuania and other EU states on expanding neighborhood relations	Comparison of positions towards neighborhood between Lithuania and other EU states logically based on scientific literature
Demonstrating high culture of academic thinking	To evaluate bilateral and multilateral relations between EU and its particular member states with neighboring countries	Being able to evaluate bilateral and multilateral relations

Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
Interpreting and prognosing perspectives of European Neighborhood, forming individual point of view	1. Interpretation of European Neighborhood policy within context of European integration theories. 2. Development of European Neighborhood policy. 3. Historical, cultural, political, and economic factors of gravitation towards European Union. 4. Bilateral and multilateral nature of European neighborhood. 5. Institutionalization of neighborhood relations. 6. Financial instruments. 7. Priorities of Lithuania and other EU states. 8. Case analysis: Eastern partnership, former Yugoslavia, Mediterranean states. 9. Stimuli and barriers of strategic partnership with Russia. 10. Specific factor, USA, influencing EU relations with neighbors. 11. Perspectives of European Union relations with neighbors.
Explaining institutional status of European Neighborhood Policy	3. Historical, cultural, political, and economic factors of gravitation towards European Union. 4. Bilateral and multilateral nature of European neighborhood. 5. Institutionalization of neighborhood relations. 8. Case studies.
Understand status of EU Neighborhood policy within broader EU policies' context	1. Interpretation of European Neighborhood policy within context of European integration theories. 2. Development of European Neighborhood policy. 3. Historical, cultural, political, and economic factors of gravitation towards European Union. 4. Bilateral and multilateral nature of European neighborhood. 5. Institutionalization of neighborhood relations.
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To evaluate priorities of Lithuania and other EU states on expanding neighborhood relations	7. Priorities of Lithuania and other EU states. 9. Stimuli and barriers of strategic partnership with Russia. 10. Specific factor, USA, influencing EU relations with neighbors. 11. Perspectives of European Union relations with neighbors.
To evaluate bilateral and multilateral relations	8. Case analysis: Eastern partnership, former Yugoslavia, Mediterranean states.

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Study (teaching and learning) methods

Lectures, seminars, individual work

Methods of learning achievement assessment

Testing, observation of seminar discussion and evaluating

Distribution of workload for students (contact and independent work hours)

Lectures – 45 h.
Seminars – 22 h.
Independent work (incl. preparation to mid-term and final exams) – 55 h.

Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

Seminar results – 25 per cent, mid-term exam – 25 per cent, written exam – 50 per cent of final mark.

Recommended reference materials

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No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
Basic materials						
1.	2010	Craig P.The Lisbon Treaty: law, politics and treaty reform	Oxford University Press	1		
2.	2006	Wider Europe. Nordic and Baltic lessons to post-enlargement Europe. Editors: Tassinari F., Joenniemi P., Jakobsen U.	DIIS. Copenhagen			Internet resource
3.	2010	Mažylis L. Šalia Neeuropos.	VDU			ELABA resource
4.	2007	Cameron F. An introduction to European foreign policy	Routledge			
Supplementary materials						

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