

POU33082 — European Union Politics B

Module Information	
Module Code	<i>POU33082</i>
Module Title	<i>European Union Politics B</i>
Department	<i>Political Science</i>
Year Group	<i>Junior Sophister</i>
Module Personnel	<i>Professor Raj Chari</i>
Academic Year	<i>2026–27</i>
Credit Weighting	<i>5 credits</i>
Semester	<i>Semester 2</i>
Contact Hours	<i>20 hours of lectures, 5 hours of tutorials</i>

Module Content	
Module Description	The underlying theme of this course is to examine the key public policies that are found at the EU level governance today, where public policies found at the domestic level of governance are increasingly irrelevant in certain areas.
Module Learning Aims	The main of this course is to give students a comprehensive knowledge of public policies found in the European Union, a political system that has increasingly take on responsibility in key policy areas. After briefly reviewing the EU's institutional structure, analysis, will be made of key economic policies of the EU, including the single market, economic and monetary union and competition policy. On the latter, we will spend time examining the fascinating aspects of merger and acquisition control and state aid. Attention will then be paid to other significant policies, including agriculture, social, freedom, security and justice, as well as the external policies of the EU.
Learning Outcomes	This course offers the opportunity for students to better understand public policies presently found in the EU today. At the end of this course it is expected that students will have a detailed understanding of the EU political system and its public policy goals. Students will not only have the tools to critically analyse latest policies in EU politics, but also be able

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	to assess cutting edge research on the EU's contemporary challenges.
Indicative Reading / Resources	Chari R., and S. Kritzinger, Understanding EU Policy Making (Pluto, 2006). Hix S., and Byorn Høyland, The Political System of the EU, 3rd ed. (Palgrave: 2011) Cini M., and Perez-Solorzano Borraran, N. (eds.) European Union Politics, 5th edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016). Several journal articles will also be noted in the reading list

Assessment

Assessment Components	Mid-term essay (30%) 90 minute in-person end-of-semester examination (70%)
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Additional Information

Prerequisites	<i>None</i>
Co-requisites	<i>None</i>