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THE ORGANISATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Teacher responsible: A. Passas

Compulsory (C) or selection (S) course	year	Winter (W) or Spring (S) semester
S	3rd	W

This course aims at the understanding of the phenomenon of European integration in historical time, the familiarisation of students with the issues of organisation and functioning of the European Union (E.U.), and the continuous updating of information on contemporary developments (e.g. the Treaty of Lisbon). The course deals with: 1. The historical background and the theories of integration: From the European Communities to the E.U., aims, purpose and method of the integration process. 2. Organisation and functioning of the E.U.: The three pillars of the E.U., the unity of the institutional framework, the responsibilities and the principles of subsidiary and proportionality, the E.U. law (authorities, sources, relations between the national law and the E.U. law), the institutions of the E.U. and the processes of decision-making. 3. The relationships between the state and the E.U.: organisation of the state in the representation in the E.U. institutions and in the formation of the E.U. policies, the implementation of the E.U. policies, the choice of examples of policies (e.g. social policy) with the focus being on the Greek case.

Reading list - Moussis, N., 2011. *European Union: Law, Economy, Politics*. 13th edition. Athens: Papazisis (in Greek).