

History and Politics of European Integration

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Academic Year: 2018-2019

Semester: Second

Class hours: --

Credits: 6 CFU

Language of the course: English

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The main goal of the course is to offer a general knowledge of the European integration process, from the origins, after the Second World War, to the Treaty of Lisbon in 2007. Within this frame the main issues regarding the birth and the development of the European Institutions.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course describes the main steps of the Recent History of Europe - from the end of the Second World War to the beginning of the 1990s - and in particular of the European integration from the birth of European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in 1951, then the European Economic Community (EEC) and European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC or Euratom) in 1957. The will be analyzed the main political decision for the consolidation and enlargement of the European Community, then the development of its Institutions and tasks with the Single European Act in 1986 and the Treaty on European Union signed in 1992 at Maastricht.

Teaching: Analysis of the decision taken by governments regarding Europe and its Institutions in the political, social and economic context of the period considered 1945-1992.

Grading: After an oral exam, students will be evaluated on a 18-30 scale.

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COURSE TEXTBOOK

M. Gilbert, *European Integration: A Concise History*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Plymouth, 2012; Pascal Fontaine, *Europe in 12 lessons*, European Commission Directorate-General for Communication Citizens' Information, Bruxelles 2017.