



CIEE Study Abroad

Course title:	Politics of the European Union
Course number:	POLI 3001 CIEE
Programs offering course:	CIEE Summer Online
Language of instruction:	English
U.S. Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Term:	Summer 2020

Course Description

This course provides an overview of the process of European integration from the post-World War II era to the present. Students study the functions and power distributions of the EU legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. Students also analyze the politics of policymaking in different areas, such as the single market, the Euro, and external trade policy. Current dissensions and dysfunctions within the EU are examined and debated from the perspectives of democratic theory and collective action theory. Noneconomic policy areas, such as foreign and security policies, also are addressed.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Distinguish the central characteristics of the EU governmental system and its policy making from those of a completely sovereign democracy.
- Assess the significance, potential, and shortcomings of the EU from a historical perspective.
- Examine current dissensions and dysfunctions within the EU by applying democratic theory and collective action theory.
- Analyze the politics of policymaking in areas such as the single market, the Euro, and external trade policy.
- Appraise the political issues involved in plans for expanding the EU vertically and horizontally.

Course Prerequisites

None.

CIEE Summer Online courses will involve asynchronous instruction. Instructors will apply theory and deliver the learning objectives using a rich array of online teaching methods and resources from CIEE host countries and communities. Full details, including dates and deadlines for assessments, will be provided in the final syllabus shortly before online learning begins.