



**VNIERSIDAD  
D SALAMANCA**

**CURSOS  
INTERNACIONALES**

## PROGRAMACIÓN

**SUBJECT**

**Economics /Political Science. European Union**

**COURSE**

**Business Program (45 hours)**

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

*The course is designed to introduce students to the history, the political institutions and the political economy of the European Unión. Whenever possible, we shall compare the Union's institutional arrangements and its political economy to that of the United States. Topics will include the theory of economic integration, fiscal federalism, contemporary decision making in the Union and assessment of democratic institutions in Europe. Also we will discuss and study important and contemporary debated questions such as the monetary union, trade policies, environmental and enlargement policies, etc. Each class will be a mixture of lecture and discussion, with occasional video and other media presentations. The lectures complete, but do not replace the reading of the material suggested in every topic. During the course, it is strongly recommended to pay attention to the news about the European Union as they appear in national or international media.*

#### UNIT

#### Contents

##### **1 Introduction**

1. Key facts and figures about Europe and the Europeans.
2. History: from the early post-war period to the eastern enlargement.

##### **2 Institutions and integration**

1. Law, institutions and decision making.
2. The economics of preferential trading areas and regional integration.
3. The budget.

##### **3 Common policies**

1. Common agricultural policy.
2. Competition and state aid policy.
3. Economic geography: Regional and social policies.
4. Monetary Integration: History and principles.

##### **4 Present and future**

1. Negotiating with International Customers, Partners and Regulators
2. Future of the EU: problems and challenges.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY

*See references in:*

[http://europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/index_en.htm)

<http://eup.sagepub.com/>

<http://www.eurunion.org/profile/facts.htm>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy\\_of\\_the\\_European\\_Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy_of_the_European_Union)

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/euro>

[http://biblioteca.universia.net/html\\_bura/ficha/params/id/22509572.html](http://biblioteca.universia.net/html_bura/ficha/params/id/22509572.html)

## **EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

Course evaluation will be based on the following:

Class participation, homework	40%
First exam	20%
<u>Final exam</u>	<u>40%</u>
Total	100%

Additionally, at the end of the course, an attendance certificate will be issued upon a minimum attendance of 90% of the sessions.