

## COURSE DETAIL

### DEEPENING AND WIDENING PERSPECTIVES ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

**Country**

Germany

**Host Institution**

Free University of Berlin

**Program(s)**

Free University Berlin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science European Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

104

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

EUROPE INTEGRATION

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

**Course Description**

As a sui generis system or system of its own kind, the European Union has been the subject of research and scholarship since its founding days in the 1950s. Not only did it develop from the Coal and Steel Community into a fully-fledged economic and partially political union, it also attracted ever more members to join over time, which is specifically true today: Following Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine, the EU showed unprecedented unity in standing up against Putin and opening its membership door to Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia. In this course we focus on both developments: in the first part of the course, we examine the key historical stages to understand how the EU became an ever-deeper Union and learn about European integration theory, which can explain the deepening of integration to us. What does the EU regulate and how can we explain the expansion of competences under EU rule? The second part of the course covers different perspectives on the widening of EU integration – why, if at all, should the European Union enlarge? How does widening affect the deepening of EU integration? And how can EU integration support/impede the democracy and security of its candidate countries? Overall, the course combines perspectives on how the EU became what it is with discussions on the potential new Member States in order to allow students to understand the implications of new EU integration.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

15128

**Host Institution Course Title**

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**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

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