

COURSE DETAIL

EU POLICY MAKING IN ACTION

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Bologna

Program(s)

University of Bologna

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

176

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

EU POLICY MAKING IN ACTION

UCEAP Transcript Title

EU POLICY MAKING

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. At the end of the course, students have a thorough understanding of the decision-making processes of European Union policies and the actors involved in EU policies. From the economic and social to the digital and multimedia fields, students are able to evaluate the impact of regulation at European level on the different sectors of society. The course is divided into two parts and ends with two seminars on themes dealt with beforehand.

Part I. Understanding the European Union:

- The foundations of the EU project: Federal integration, a conceptual approach resulting from a mix of economic integration and federalism. The two levels of governance: central and national levels. The principle of subsidiarity. The evolution of the EU's policy portfolio and policy processes over the year.
- Who does what in Brussels: The main institutions the EU, their role and tasks. The influence exercised by the lobbies and civil society organizations in shaping the policy agenda and the decisional process. Policy roles, functions and the distribution of power within the various institutions and amongst the Member States.
- The EU's decision making process: The various decisional processes and procedures. The setting of the EU political agenda, its strategic objectives and policy priorities. Regulation, self-regulation and co-regulation. The life of a EU law and its impact of the life of its people.
- Economic integration as catalyst for further political integration: The process of completion of the internal market, the backbone of the EU. The 4 fundamental freedoms and Community method, the main decision making process. The ordinary legislative procedure and new forms of governance.
- A Union of values: Democracy, human rights and the Rule of Law are identitarian, foundation elements of the EU and of our "way of living".

Part II. EU Media Policy: balancing freedom of expression and other fundamental rights online. 5 case studies.

- The process of liberalization and regulation of the European audiovisual market.
- The Copyright reform (protection and monetization of copyrighted works distributed over the Internet, while protecting freedom of expression and freedom of the arts). Copyright and Artificial Intelligence.
- Internet and digital platforms regulation. The Digital Services Act, a comprehensive regulatory framework on content moderation and protection of citizens' rights online, including from disinformation.
- The Media Freedom Act, a brand new law enhancing media freedom, pluralism and journalists protection across the EU.
- The regulation of artificial intelligence in the EU (the AI Act).

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

B7486

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

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Host Institution Faculty**Host Institution Degree**

LM in INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Host Institution Department

Political and Social Sciences

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