



Tübingen International & European Studies (T-IES)

Doshisha EU Campus European Studies Program

September 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026

Course title:	Policy Issues - Introduction to European Integration
Date:	September 22 th – September 26 th , 2025
Language of instruction:	English
Lecturer:	Toru Yoshida
Contact hours:	26 (Face to face) + 4 (on-demand course)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This lecture traces the historical and current developments of the European Integration and the European Union.

Concretely, we confirm its cultural and historical roots, and its institutional development depending on historical events and international contexts, as well as the strategies that conducted the different member states. We also introduce some theoretical aspects of integration.

As the conclusion, we assume that the European Integration is a unique and ongoing political project in modernity that challenges many aspects of the sovereign nation-state and on the system that is established.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Acquire the basic knowledge about the European Union,
2. Understand the major issues that is going on in European politics,
3. Know the historical background of European integration.

COURSE SCHEDULE

CLASS DATES	CONTENTS	HOW TO CONDUCT A LESSON	CLASS HOURS
See the note on „OTHERS“	Introduction Course reading	On-demand (watching video)	90 minutes
September 22 th 9:00-10:30	How the European Integration started? Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes

September 22 th 10:45-12:15	The historical developments of the European Union (1) Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 23 rd 9:00-10:30	The historical developments of the European Union (2) Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 23 rd 10:45-12:15	Institutions and policies of the European Union (1) Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 23 rd 13:15-14:45	Institutions and policies of the European Union (2) Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 24 th 9:00-10:30	Political Economy of the EU Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 24 th 10:45-12:15	Theorizing European Integration Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 24 th 13:15-14:45	Problems and Issues in EU Politics Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 25 th 9:00-10:30	Case study: European Integration and France Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 25 th 10:45-12:15	THE E.U in the world Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 25 th 13:15-14:45	Future prospects of the European Integration Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 26 th 9:00-10:30	Question and Answer session Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
September 26 th 10:45-12:15	Presentation by the students Course reading	Face to face	90 minutes
See the note on „OTHERS“	Wrap-up session and reflections about the course Course reading	On-demand (watching video)	90 minutes

PREREQUISITES

No requirements

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

Regularity of attendance 70%
Readiness level in the class 30%

READING

Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan: cEuropean Union Politics (7th edition), (Oxford University Press□ 2022) (e-book available)

INFORMATION ON THE LECTURER

<https://kendb.doshisha.ac.jp/profile/en.535214f40d779c86.html>

OTHERS

Contact method from student to instructor: email
Contact method from instructor to student: to be informed after the course registration

The first video will be released 1-2 weeks before the first Face to face class.
The release timing of the final video will be announced at a later date.