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Curricula

109 Curriculum for the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies

At its meeting on 27 April 2023, the Senate approved the Curriculum for the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies specified below, which was resolved on 17 April 2023 by the Curriculum Committee, a body holding decision-making power, and established in accordance with section 25, para. 8, no. 3 and para. 1, no. 10a of the 2002 Universities Act.

The legal basis is the 2002 Universities Act and the section of the Statutes of the University of Vienna governing university studies as amended from time to time.

In accordance with section 56 of the 2002 Universities Act, the University of Vienna establishes the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies at the University of Vienna:

§ 1 Objectives and qualification profile

(1) The university continuing education and training programme in European Studies at the University of Vienna aims at providing a cross-faculty and interdisciplinary university education that equips participants with academic, practice-oriented and interdisciplinary knowledge of the economic, legal, political, historical and socio-cultural conditions and development perspectives on European integration.

Participants in the university continuing education and training programme learn to analyse the economic and political development of Europe and European integration, their historical and global aspects and the social and cultural changes from the perspective of cultural studies. This interdisciplinary Curriculum covers, among others, the following academic disciplines: history, political science, law, sociology, linguistics, cultural studies and business administration and economics. The programme places particular emphasis on international networks, participatory learning, team work among students, a high level of topicality and interdisciplinarity.

(2) Graduates of the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies at the University of Vienna are qualified to analyse the situation and development in Europe based on their expertise and from a

critical perspective. They have a deep understanding of history, the present day and changes in European societies, with a special focus on the process of European integration, as well as in-depth knowledge of the structures, institutions, sets of rules and mechanisms that are involved. The programme will qualify participants for internationally oriented activities in European administrations, political offices, cultural and educational institutions, NGOs, the media, international organisations and corporations.

§ 2 Programme director

(1) The university continuing education and training programme is managed by the programme director.

(2) The programme director decides on all matters of the university continuing education and training programme for which this Curriculum or other regulations of the University of Vienna has granted them decision-making competences.

§ 3 Duration

The workload for the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies comprises 120 ECTS credits. This is equivalent to a degree programme duration of four semesters. A model path of studies can be found in the appendix.

§ 4 Entry requirements

(1) In addition to the general statutory requirements, a requirement for admission to the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies is the successful completion of a baccalaureate, bachelor's, Magister, master's, diploma or doctoral programme.

(2) The programme is exclusively held in English.

(3) Persons whose first language is not English have to demonstrate a good command of English corresponding to level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The programme director decides on the type of evidence that applicants have to provide.

(4) On application, the Rectorate admits persons fulfilling the entry requirements to the university continuing education and training programme offered by the University of Vienna as non-degree programme students, subject to the availability of study places (section 6) and the qualification of the applicants following the successful completion of the selection procedure (section 5).

§ 5 Selection procedure

(1) To be admitted to the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies, all applicants have to successfully complete a written selection procedure.

(2) The programme director is responsible for the implementation of the selection procedure in accordance with para. 1. As part of the selection procedure, applicants have to submit a letter of motivation and a curriculum vitae.

§ 6 Study places

(1) The programme director decides on the number of study places on the basis of pedagogical and administrative criteria and subject to the available budget.

(2) Participants are selected according to section 5.

§ 7 Structure – Modules with allocated ECTS credits

(1) Overview

<i>Modules:</i>		
<i>Module 1</i>	<i>The EU as a Legal Area</i>	<i>15 ECTS credits</i>
<i>Module 2</i>	<i>Politics and Governance in Europe</i>	<i>15 ECTS credits</i>
<i>Module 3</i>	<i>Europe in the Age of Globalisation</i>	<i>15 ECTS credits</i>
<i>Module 4</i>	<i>Europe: Identities, Belonging, Boundaries</i>	<i>15 ECTS credits</i>
<i>Module 5</i>	<i>European Societies in the Making and in Transition</i>	<i>15 ECTS credits</i>
<i>Module 6</i>	<i>Europe in Practice: Think Europe, Shape Europe</i>	<i>8 ECTS credits</i>
<i>Module 7</i>	<i>Academic Research and Writing</i>	<i>8 ECTS credits</i>
<i>Master's Thesis and Public Defence</i>	<i>Master's Thesis and Public Defence</i>	<i>25 ECTS credits</i> <i>4 ECTS credits</i>

(2) Module descriptions

Module 1	The EU as a Legal Area (compulsory module)	15 ECTS credits
Prerequisites	none	
Module outcomes	Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● acquire profound knowledge of central issues related to institutional and substantive European Law; ● get an overview of important aspects, such as the organisation and working methods of the EU as well as legal and economic basics, such as the <i>four freedoms</i>; ● know legal basics to understand the legal determination of Europe's economic, political and social <i>state</i>. 	

Module structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VU on Introduction to European Union Law (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 2. VU on EU Anti-Discrimination Law (3 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 3. VU on EU Institutions (3 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 4. KU on EU Legislation (5 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi
Proof of performance	Passing of all continuous assessment courses specified in the module (pi) (15 ECTS credits)
Language	English

Module 2	Politics and Governance in Europe (compulsory module)	15 ECTS credits
Prerequisites	none	
Module outcomes	<p>Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gain an insight into the key issues of the process of European integration based on the fundamental historical, theoretical, institutional and procedural knowledge of the European multi-level system; acquire knowledge of the following topics: theories of political science • relating to the European integration and political process, the development of a constitution for Europe, the common foreign and security policy as well as historical development; acquire relevant knowledge enabling them to critically and independently • analyse European integration. 	
Module structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VU on Governance in the EU (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 2. KU on EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 3. KU on European Integration since 1945 (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 4. VU on European Security Policy (3 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 	
Proof of performance	Passing of all continuous assessment courses specified in the module (pi) (15 ECTS credits)	
Language	English	

Module 3	Europe in the Age of Globalisation (compulsory module)	15 ECTS credits
Prerequisites	none	
Module outcomes	<p>Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● are introduced to the central politico-economic, legal and historical issues related to the increasing economic and cultural integration both at the European and global level; know the basics of approaches in economics; ● are familiar with special politico-economic problem areas, such as ● agricultural, currency and regional policy. 	
Module structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VU on Fundamentals of European Economic Policy (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 2. KU on Selected Topics and Current Developments in European Economic Policy (3 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 3. VU on Legal Aspects of Globalisation of World Trade (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 4. VU on International Relations after 1945 Part I (3 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 5. SE on International Relations after 1945 Part II (3 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 	
Proof of performance	Passing of all continuous assessment courses specified in the module (pi) (15 ECTS credits)	
Language	English	

Module 4	Europe: Identities, Belonging, Boundaries (compulsory module)	15 ECTS credits
Prerequisites	none	
Module outcomes	<p>Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● obtain profound knowledge of the three areas mentioned in the module title; know reasons, consequences and new forms of migration as well as ● the resulting questions of social integration; know major human rights developments in the Council of Europe, the European Union and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; ● acquire knowledge of the situation of national, ethnic, religious and social minorities; ● are familiar with the topic of cultural identity/identities and multilingualism; ● develop an understanding of historical developments and breaches and post-colonial perspectives on Europe. 	

Module structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SE on Migration: Boundaries, Borders, Barriers (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 2. VU on Human Rights in Europe (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 3. SE on Multilingualism in Europe (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 4. KU on Inequalities in Europe (3 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi
Proof of performance	Passing of all continuous assessment courses specified in the module (pi) (15 ECTS credits)
Language	English

Module 5	European Societies in the Making and in Transition (compulsory module)	15 ECTS credits
Prerequisites	none	
Module outcomes	<p>Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have basic knowledge of the social structure of European societies based on the comparison of different countries; • know reasons, forms and consequences of social change and the resulting question of the basics of social order and solidarity; acquire advanced knowledge of labour markets, education, social • inequalities, welfare systems, differences between urban and rural environments, family structures, life styles, religion and media from a historical perspective taking into account current developments within the EU. 	
Module structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SE on Structure and Change of European Societies (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 2. KU on Plans for Europe and their Historical Context before 1945 (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 3. KU on Current and Future Challenges for the EU (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 4. KU on Current Topics in Europe (3 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 5. VU on Communication in and about Europe (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 	
Proof of performance	Passing of all continuous assessment courses specified in the module (pi) (15 ECTS credits)	
Language	English	

Module 6	Europe in Practice: Think Europe, Shape Europe (compulsory module)	8 ECTS credits
Prerequisites	none	
Module outcomes	Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● learn about contents preparing them for professional practice. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speech training - PR training - Presentation techniques - Introduction to EU funds and funding programmes - Information about careers and application procedures in the EU - Excursion to Brussels to learn more about EU institutions and other EU-related institutions 	
Module structure	Subject to availability, participants choose courses comprising 8 ECTS credits in total from the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EX Excursion (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 2. KU EU Working Language Course: French (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 3. KU EU Working Language Course: English (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 4. KU EU Working Language Course: German (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 5. VU EU Funding Possibilities and EU Projects (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 6. VU Career Perspectives in the EU Institutions (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 	
Proof of performance	Passing of all continuous assessment courses specified in the module (pi) (8 ECTS credits)	
Language	English	

Module 7	Academic Research and Writing (compulsory module)	8 ECTS credits
Prerequisites	none	
Module outcomes	Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● acquire profound competences in academic research and writing; practice ● academic writing; ● acquire presentation skills; ● know the basic requirements for academic research and writing, including research ethics. 	
Module structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. KU on Academic Writing (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi 2. VU on Research and Academic Methods (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 3. KU on Presentation Skills and Use of Media (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi 	
Proof of performance	Passing of all continuous assessment courses specified in the module (pi) (8 ECTS credits)	
Language	English	

§ 8 Master's thesis

(1) The master's thesis serves to demonstrate the participant's ability to achieve adequate standards of content and methodology when independently addressing academic topics. The assignment for the master's thesis must be so chosen that the participant can reasonably be expected to complete it within six months.

(2) The topic of the master's thesis must be taken from one of the compulsory modules. If a different topic is selected or if there is uncertainty regarding allocation of the selected topic, the programme director decides on whether or not the topic is admissible.

(3) The master's thesis comprises 25 ECTS credits.

(4) The participant can agree on the language of the master's thesis with their supervisor.

§ 9 Master's examination

(1) To be admitted to the master's examination, the participant must have successfully passed all required modules and examinations and the master's thesis must have been positively assessed.

(2) The master's examination is conducted before an examination committee in accordance with the section of the University's Statutes governing university studies. The master's examination is a public defence and comprises an examination on the academic disciplines related to the master's thesis as well as an examination covering one additional subject area from the compulsory modules of the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies. Grading will be conducted as stipulated in the Statutes of the University of Vienna.

(3) The master's examination comprises 4 ECTS credits.

§ 10 Examination regulations

(1) The following non-continuous assessment (npi) courses are offered in the programme:

1. *Lectures combined with exercises (Vorlesungen + Übungen, VU): are courses with continuous assessment and consist of lectures by the teachers. These are discussed in the subsequent exercise part by the students. Students are contributing their topic-specific knowledge to the course which they acquired through reading additional literature. The proof of performance is participation and/or regular assignments and/or short presentations and/or a written or oral contribution based on discussion and/or written exams and/or oral exams.*
2. *Course (Kurs, KU): Courses are courses with continuous assessment during which students examine selected areas in the field of European studies and acquire additional knowledge. Courses consist of lectures by teachers, presentations by participants and discussions. Assessment is based on the participant's performance resulting from continuous participation and/or presentations and/or written assignments.*

3. *Seminars (Seminare, SE): are courses with continuous assessment and serve the development of theoretical, subject-specific and methodological competences. Participants are required to conduct independent academic work and present their results in accordance with the subject's standards. Assessment is based on the participant's performance resulting from participation (discussion) and/or (an) independent presentation or presentations and/or a written seminar paper.*
4. *Excursion (Exkursion, EX): Excursions serve the consolidation of knowledge acquired in courses and through self-study. Assessment is based on the participant's performance resulting from discussion contributions on site and the written protocol.*

(3) Teaching in the university continuing education and training programme takes place in courses, which may also contain digital units. Courses, except for foreign language courses, are offered in English language only. The programme director has to determine and announce the courses before the start of the university continuing education and training programme.

(4) Assessment is subject to the stipulations in the 2002 Universities Act.

(5) Proof of performance in courses

The lecturer of a course is responsible for making the necessary announcements according to the stipulations in the Statutes.

(6) Examination content

The examination content relevant to preparing and holding examinations must be in line with the required number of ECTS credits. This also applies to module examinations.

(7) Examination results must be allocated to the relevant module by the stated ECTS figure and must not be allocated to different proofs of performance.

§ 11 Completion of the degree programme

(1) Graduates of the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies receive a certificate for the completion of the final examination.

(2) Graduates of the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies are awarded the academic degree "Master of Arts (Continuing Education)" – abbreviated as MA (CE). Where the academic degree is stated this must be after the name.

§ 12 Entry into force

This Curriculum will enter into force upon announcement in the University Gazette of the University of Vienna as of 1 October 2023.

§ 13 Transitional provisions

(1) This Curriculum applies to all participants who commence their degree programme as of the winter semester of 2023/2024.

(2) If, at a later stage of the degree programme, courses are no longer offered which were compulsory under the original curricula, the competent body responsible for study matters decides ex officio (equivalence regulation) or at the request of the participant which courses and examinations have to be completed instead.

(3) Participants who pursue the university continuing education and training programme in European Studies which entered into force prior to this Curriculum (University Gazette of 14 September 2007, 40th edition, no. 223 as amended) are entitled to complete their programme by 31 October 2026.

(5) The competent body responsible for study matters will be entitled to determine in general or on a case-by-case basis which of the courses taken and examinations passed will be recognised for this Curriculum.

On behalf of the Senate:
The chairperson of the curriculum
committee *S t a s s i n o p o u l o u*

Appendix

Recommended path through the programme:

1st semester	2nd semester
VU Introduction to European Union Law (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi	KU Current and Future Challenges for the EU (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi
VU EU Institutions (3 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi	KU Current Topics in Europe (3 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi
VU International Relations after 1945 Part I (3 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi	VU European Security Policy (3 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi
VU Fundamentals of European Economic Policy (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi	VU Communication in and about Europe (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi
SE Structure and Change of European Societies (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi	SE International Relations after 1945 Part II (3 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi
VU Governance in the EU (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi	KU Selected Topics and Current Developments in European Economic Policy (3 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi
KU EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi	VU Legal Aspects of Globalisation of World Trade (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi
KU European Integration since 1945 (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi	VU EU Anti-Discrimination Law (3 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi
	KU EU Legislation (5 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi
	KU Plans for Europe and their Historical Context before 1945 (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi
30 ECTS credits, 15 SSt.	30 ECTS credits, 15 SSt.
Modules 1-3 and module 5	Modules 1-3 and module 5

3rd semester	4th semester
KU Presentation Skills and Use of Media (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi	KU Academic Writing (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi
VU Research and Academic Methods (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi	Master's Thesis 25 ECTS credits
SE Migration: Boundaries, Borders, Barriers (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi	Public Defence 4 ECTS credits
SE Multilingualism in Europe (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi	
KU Inequalities in Europe (3 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi	
VU Human Rights in Europe (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi	
19 ECTS credits, 12 SSt.	33 ECTS credits, 6 SSt.
Module 4, Module 7	Module 7

3rd semester/4th semester, 8 ECTS credits, Module 6

Subject to availability, participants choose courses comprising 8 ECTS credits in total from the following list in the 3rd and 4th semester:

1. EX Excursion (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi
2. KU EU Working Language Course: French (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi
3. KU EU Working Language Course: English (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi
4. KU EU Working Language Course: German (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi
5. VU EU Funding Possibilities and EU Projects (4 ECTS credits, 2 SSt.), pi
6. VU Career Perspectives in the EU Institutions (2 ECTS credits, 1 SSt.), pi

English translation of the module titles:

English	Deutsch
The EU as a Legal Area	EU als Rechtsraum
Politics and Governance in Europe	Politik und Regieren in Europa
Europe in the Age of Globalisation	Europe im Zeitalter der Globalisierung
Europe: Identities, Belonging, Boundaries	Europa: Identitäten, Zugehörigkeiten, Grenzziehungen
European Societies in the Making and in Transition	Europäische Gesellschaft im Entstehen und im Wandel
Europe in Practice: Think Europe, Shape Europe	Europa in der Praxis: Europa denken, Europa gestalten
Academic Research and Writing	Wissenschaftliches Arbeiten
Master's Thesis and Public Defence	Masterarbeit und Defensio