



Course syllabus Academic year 2023-2024

1. Information about the program

1.1 Higher Education Institution	Babeș-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	European Studies
1.3 Department	Doctoral School International Relations and European Studies
1.4 Field of study	International Relations and European Studies
1.5 Study level	Doctoral
1.6 Programme of study/ Qualification	Doctoral School International Relations and European Studies

2. Information about the discipline

2.1 Title	The evolution of and current approaches to EU enlargement						
2.2 Course holder	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adrian-Gabriel Corpădean						
2.3 Seminar holder	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adrian-Gabriel Corpădean						
2.4 Year of study	1	2.5 Semester	1	2.6. Type of assessment ¹	C	2.7 Type of module ²	OP

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 No. of hours per week	4	3.2 of which for course	2	3.3 of which for seminar	2
3.4 Total no. of hours in the curriculum	48	3.5 of which for course	24	3.6 of which for seminar	24
Time distribution:					Hours
Study by using handbook, reader, bibliography and course notes					100
Additional library/specialised online research, field research					100
Preparation of seminars/laboratories, homework, projects, portfolios and essays					64
Tutoring					n/a
Examinations					n/a
Other activities:					n/a
3.7 Total no. of hours for individual study	264				
3.8 Total no. of hours per semester	264				
3.9 No. of ETCS credit points	11				

4. Prerequisites (where applicable)

4.1 of curriculum	❖ -
4.2 of competencies	❖ working use of English

5. Conditions (where applicable)

5.1 For the development of the course	❖ -
5.2 For the development of the seminar/laboratory	❖ Seminar attendance: 75%

¹ E - exam, ME - multi-term examinations, C - collocutional examination/assessment test

² OB - core module, OP - elective module, F - extracurricular module



6. Specific skills acquired

Professional skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The use of accurate terminology in the field of EU enlargement ❖ Conducting analyses of the EU enlargement framework, in the broader context ❖ Conducting text analyses on EU enlargement reports ❖ Debating on the advantages, costs and risks of EU integration ❖ Creating scenarios on future EU membership, amid divergent geopolitical interests
Interdisciplinary skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Creating risk management strategies ❖ Advanced text and discourse analysis ❖ Debating on matters of EU interest ❖ Simulating decision-making processes

7. Course objectives (based on list of acquired skills)

7.1 General objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To familiarise PhD students with the past, present and future course of the EU enlargement policy, set against the background of changing geopolitical contexts, with an emphasis on the mechanisms, costs and tools developed by the EU for this endeavour
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To analyse the history of EC/EU enlargement through the lens of the interests of all actors involved in the process ❖ To make critical assessments of accession criteria, negotiations and reform ❖ To present the EU's interests in its neighbourhood and the mechanisms developed to pursue such goals

8. Contents

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Observations
Introduction to EU enlargement terminology	Lecture	European Commission, "EU enlargement", https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/eu-enlargement_en
The timeline of the EU enlargement waves	Lecture	European Commission, DG Near, "From 6 to 27 members", https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/enlargement-policy/6-27-members_en
Political reasons for EC/EU enlargement	Lecture	Arolda Elbasani, Senada Šelo Šabić (2018), "Rule of law, corruption and democratic accountability in the course of EU enlargement", Journal of European Public Policy, 25:9, pp. 1317-1335, https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2017.1315162
Economic reasons for EC/EU enlargement	Lecture	Jan Hagemeyer, Jan J. Michałek, Pavel Svatko (2021), "Economic impact of the EU Eastern enlargement on New Member



		States revisited: the role of economic institutions”, Central European Economic Journal, 8(55), pp. 126-143, https://doi.org/10.2478/ceej-2021-0008
The Regional Policy as a tool of enlargement	Lecture	John Bachtler, Peter Berkowitz, Sally Hardy, Tatjana Muravska (eds.) (2017), <i>EU Cohesion Policy Reassessing performance and direction</i> , Routledge, https://library.oapen.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.12657/24255/1005876.pdf?sequence=1
Decision-making on EU enlargement	Lecture	Tanja A. Börzela, Antoaneta Dimitrova, Frank Schimmelfennig (2017), “European Union enlargement and integration capacity: concepts, findings, and policy implications”, <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> , vol. 24, no. 2, pp. 157–176, http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2016.1265576
The costs of enlargement	Lecture	European Commission, DG Near, “Overview - Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance”, https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/enlargement-policy/overview-instrument-pre-accession-assistance_en
Current candidates to EU membership	Lecture	Spyros Economides (2020), “From Fatigue to Resistance: EU Enlargement and the Western Balkans”, Dahrendorf Forum IV, Working Paper no. 17, https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/104393/1/Economides_from_fatigue_to_resistance_published.pdf
Membership negotiations and reports	Lecture	European Commission, DG Near, “Chapters of the acquis / negotiating chapters”, https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/enlargement-policy/glossary/chapters-acquis-negotiating-chapters_en
The EU’s Neighbourhood Policy	Lecture	European Commission, DG Near, “European Neighbourhood Policy”, https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/european-neighbourhood-policy_en
The Eastern Partnership	Lecture	David Cadier (2019), “The Geopoliticisation of the EU’s Eastern Partnership”, <i>Geopolitics</i> , 24:1, pp. 71-99, https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2018.1477754
The future of EU enlargement	Lecture	Michael Emerson, Steven Blockmans



	(2022), “Next Steps for EU Enlargement – Forwards or Backwards?”, SCEEUS Guest Platform for Eastern Europe Policy, no.12, https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/publications/sceeuS/next-steps-for-eu-enlargement-forwards-or-backwards.pdf
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8.2 Seminar/Laboratory	Teaching methods	Observations
Introduction to EU enlargement terminology	Glossary	EU Council, “EU enlargement policy”, https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/enlargement/



The timeline of the EU enlargement waves	Interactive timeline	European Parliament, “40 Years of EU Enlargements”, https://www.europarl.europa.eu/external/html/euenlargement/default_en.htm
Political reasons for EC/EU enlargement	Debate	European Parliament Multimedia Centre, “History: The Mediterranean Enlargement 1981-1986”, https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/video/history-the-mediterranean-enlargement-19811986_V001-0014
Economic reasons for EC/EU enlargement	Debate	Edward Whitfield (2015), “The 1995 enlargement of the European Union: The accession of Finland and Sweden”, Historical Archives of the European Parliament, European Union History Series, November, https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/563509/EPRS_STU(2015)563509_EN.pdf
The Regional Policy as a tool of enlargement	Factsheets	European Union, “Regional Policy”, https://european-union.europa.eu/priorities-and-actions/actions-topic/regional-policy_en
Decision-making on EU enlargement	Simulation	Michael Leigh (2022), “New approaches to EU governance and enlargement”, GIS Reports, https://www.gisreportsonline.com/r/eu-governance-enlargement/
The costs of enlargement	Group presentations	European Commission, “2021-2027 long-term EU budget & NextGenerationEU”, https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/2021-2027_en
Current candidates to EU membership	Case study presentations	Jiffer Bourguignon, Maria Demertzis, Ekaterina Sprenger (2022), “EU Enlargement: Expanding the Union and Its Potential”, Intereconomics, 57(4), pp. 205-208, https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/s10272-022-1063-4.pdf
Membership negotiations and reports	Text analyses	European Commission, DG Near, “Strategy and Reports”, https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/enlargement-policy/strategy-and-reports_en
The EU’s Neighbourhood Policy	Individual presentations	Euractiv, “About: European Neighbourhood Policy”, https://www.euractiv.com/topics/europea



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The Eastern Partnership	Individual presentations	OECD, “EU4Business: From Policies to Action in the Eastern Partnership”, https://www.oecd.org/eurasia/competitiveness-programme/eastern-partners/eescinitiative-project1.htm
The future of EU enlargement	Debate, scenario-building	Kataryna Wolczuk (2023), “Overcoming EU Accession Challenges in Eastern Europe: Avoiding Purgatory”, Carnegie Europe, https://carnegieeurope.eu/2023/06/28/overcoming-eu-accession-challenges-in-eastern-europe-avoiding-purgatory-pub-90039

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9. The correspondence between the content of the course and the expectations of the academic community, professional associations and representative employers in the field:

This course is meant to provide PhD students with the historical, terminological and analytical tools that will enable them to better integrate their research topics into the field of European Studies (and International Relations), in keeping with the requirements of the Doctoral School and with the general approach to the topics of its theses. The skills and knowledge acquired will be a competitive advantage for the graduates of the course in terms of career



development, in the broader EU institutional environment and specific consultancy sectors, while broadening their research outreach.

10. Assessment

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Final paper	Quality of arguments, analytical accuracy	60
10.5 Seminar/ Laboratory	Active attendance	No. of presentations and contributions	30
			<i>Ex officio: 1 point</i>
10.6 Minimum standard of performance			
Participation in at least nine seminars. Final paper with at least three arguments and a case study.			

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12 October 2023

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