

# KOMPETENZENMAPPE

Sommersemester 2008/09



## EUROPEAN STUDIES **Modul1: The European Union**

For non-business and non-economics students!  
Vorwiegend auf Bachelorniveau!

### **The European Union** *- online course*

**VORBESPRECHUNG (verpflichtend):**  
Mittwoch, 04.03.2009, 12.00h, SR 19, SOWI

LektorIn: Elke Kitzelmann

Kursgebühr: € 30

Max. TeilnehmerInnenzahl: 20  
MindestteilnehmerInnenzahl: 8

**Anmeldung siehe:** <http://www.uibk.ac.at/weiterbildung/kompetenzenmappe/>

**Tag und die Zeit der Präsenztermine wird Frau Kitzelmann mit den TeilnehmerInnen gemeinsam festlegen.**

<b>Titel LV</b>	The European Union
<b>Typ/ Stunden</b>	2 h
<b>Rhythmus</b>	wöchentlich
<b>Zeit</b>	online
<b>Ziel LV</b>	The aim of this course is to allow students to develop your knowledge and understanding of Europe and the European Union. By the time students have finished working through the 10 units of this course you should have some knowledge of: the socio-economic geography of Europe, the economic and political situation in Europe, the place that the European Union has within Europe, the evolution of the EU. and its future, the institutions of the EU, the main European items, i.e. the enlargement, the enactment of legislation, a common currency, the CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) and a common foreign and security policy.
<b>Voraussetzung</b>	Very good command of English language!! Knowledge of academic writing techniques!!
<b>Inhalt</b>	<p><b>Unit 1: Unity and Diversity</b> - Demographic, economic and cultural profile. Exercises based on data included in appendices.</p> <p><b>Unit 2: The European Union, its origin, growth and perspectives</b> - The founders and their objectives. The origin and the evolution from the ECSC to the EU. The phases of the economic integration process.</p> <p><b>Unit 3: The European Union, its institutions and decision-making</b> - By means of a video we are introduced to the European institutions, their powers and their workings. How do they come to a decision? What are the four different kinds of decision?</p> <p><b>Unit 4: The Implications of the Maastricht &amp; Amsterdam Treaties</b> - What has changed? What are the objectives? Which countries have been received into the EMU?</p> <p><b>Unit 5: The 'Frontiers' of Europe</b> - With the help of a cartoon exhibition and its accompanying texts (from Ryckvelde, a European Student Information centre) several aspects of Europe are discussed in more detail.</p> <p><b>Unit 6: EMS, ECU, EMU and EURO</b> - The financial aspects of the EU are explained on the basis of publications by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Unit 7: The Common Agricultural Policy</b> - Almost half of the European budget goes to agriculture. The GATT/WTO discussions have revealed the fragility of both European agriculture and the European agricultural policy. Is there any improvement after the 1992 reform? And what about Agenda 2000?</p> <p><b>Unit 8: The Regional Policy</b> - On the one hand Europe helps the disadvantaged regions catch up with the others, but the 'interferences' are kept at a minimum (the principle of subsidiarity).</p> <p><b>Unit 9: The Common Foreign and Security Policy</b> - What happened in former Yugoslavia incites us to common standpoints and actions in the field of foreign politics and of defence of European territory. These standpoints may also lead us to military actions outside the Union. Finally, other European institutions and international organisations are also brought into focus.</p>

	<b>Unit 10: The future of Europe. 'Quo vadis, Europe?' - The EU is continuously growing which does not mean it is becoming more closely knit; how do we evaluate the future extension to the east and to the southeast?</b>
<b>Methode</b>	Online (blended learning)
<b>Prüfungsmodus</b>	Permanent written evaluation of weekly assignments
<b>Literatur</b>	reader
<b>Anmerkungen</b>	<p>This course is designed for non-business and non-economics students!! Vorwiegend auf Bachelorniveau!</p> <p><b>VORBESPRECHUNG verpflichtend: Mittwoch, 04.03.09, 12.00h, SOWI, SR 19</b></p> <p>ANMELDUNG siehe <a href="http://www.uibk.ac.at/weiterbildung/kompetenzenmappe/">http://www.uibk.ac.at/weiterbildung/kompetenzenmappe/</a></p>