



# NANODEGREE

## PROGRAMME IN EUROPEAN STUDIES

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# Overview

**Learn about** the European Union and engage in European studies – from understanding how the European Union works to its role in international relations, trade, business and cultural diversity.

**Get hands-on** experience by engaging with specific tasks, examples, opportunities for further enrichment by complementing your Bachelor or Master studies and enhancing your employability.

**Finally, showcase all your knowledge and newfound skills** by building a portfolio of the awarded digital badges and certificate.



Estimated time for  
a course completion  
5 weeks/5 hours per  
week



Pre-requisites: students  
in any area of BA and  
MA programmes



Flexible learning  
self-paced, course  
complementary



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## Our Courses

### EU Law and the EU Itself

#### Course 1:

## Introduction to EU Law

Learn basics of the unique system of European Union law, shaping rules and regulations of one of the biggest economies in the world.

#### Course in brief

You will learn about EU institutions and powers. You will understand the role of EU legal acts in national legislation and policymaking.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

##### LESSON ONE

##### What is EU Law?

Learn why the EU law is unique

##### LESSON TWO

##### EU Power and competences

Learn about the transfer of powers by EU Member States

##### LESSON THREE

##### The legal sources of the EU

Learn about primary and secondary EU law and international agreements of the EU

##### LESSON FOUR

##### How is secondary EU Law adopted?

Learn about key players in the decision-making and the case law of the European Court of Justice

##### LESSON FIVE

##### How does EU law affect national law?

Learn about primacy and direct applicability, about regulations and directives

## Our Courses

### EU Law and the EU Itself

#### Course 2:

## The EU Political System

Learn about the EU political system, focusing the attention on the EU policy-making process and its main actors.

#### Course in brief

You will acquire a basic knowledge on the EU legislative, executive and representative sub-systems, on the inter-institutional relations as well as on the role of parties and interest groups.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

##### LESSON ONE

##### **The EU as a political system**

Learn why the EU is considered a political system and its elements

##### LESSON TWO

##### **The inter-institutional relations**

Learn how the EU institutions interact and their mutual power relations

##### LESSON THREE

##### **The role of political parties and interest groups**

Learn about the political parties in the EU and their role in the representation of interests

##### LESSON FOUR

##### **EU policy making process**

Learn about the public actions of the EU or its policy

##### LESSON FIVE

##### **EU competence and main policies**

Learn in what areas the EU is entitled to act

## Our Courses

### EU Law and the EU Itself

## Course 3: European Institutions

Learn about the basic functioning of the EU institutions and their legitimacy.

### Course in brief

You will learn how the EU institutions work and how they come to political decisions.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### LESSON ONE

##### **Introduction to the EU institutions**

Learn about the two opposing modes of cooperation – intergovernmentalism and supranationalism

#### LESSON TWO

##### **European Commission**

Learn why it is often described as the “government of the EU”

#### LESSON THREE

##### **European Parliament**

Learn about this unique multinational parliamentary assembly

#### LESSON FOUR

##### **European Council and the EU Council**

Learn why they are the most intergovernmental part of the EU institutional machinery

#### LESSON FIVE

##### **Other institutions and bodies of the EU**

Learn about the European Central Bank, the Court of Justice of the EU and the Committees

Cultural and linguistic diversity of the EU

## Our Courses

### Course 4: European Identity

Step by step, you will be guided through the meanders of this fascinating topic.

#### Course in brief

You will be engaged in different readings of 'Europe' as a continent, as a sphere of culture and as a political project.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

##### LESSON ONE

##### **On European identity... a very brief introduction**

Familiarize with the concept of identity  
Learn about the concept of European citizenship

##### LESSON TWO

##### **European symbols**

Learn about different aspects of European borders  
Understand the divisive narrative of 'us' and 'them'

##### LESSON THREE

##### **European values**

Learn about the shared values of EU member states  
Engage in a value-based debate

##### LESSON FOUR

##### **European identity through national lenses**

Learn about elements affecting the positive relationship between European and national identity

##### LESSON FIVE

##### **Migration and multiculturalism**

Learn about migration challenges and the impact of refugee crises

## Our Courses

### Course 5:

## EU Language Policies

Learn why Multilingualism is so important and how it is at the heart of EU cultural and economic policy. When you have completed the course, you will have an understanding about language policies and about how Europe is responding to the opportunities and challenges of Multilingualism.

### Course in brief

You will learn about the meaning of Multilingualism and its importance in the EU and throughout the world.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### LESSON ONE

##### **Multilingualism in Europe**

Learn about the meaning of multilingualism and its challenges and benefits

#### LESSON TWO

##### **A multilingual world**

Learn about the history of multilingualism and how Europe's multilingualism relates to the global situation

#### LESSON THREE

##### **Multilingual policy**

Learn about language policy and planning and how policy is made in different domains

#### LESSON FOUR

##### **Personal multilingualism**

Learn what is meant by personal multilingualism and how it affects European society

#### LESSON FIVE

##### **The challenge of multilingualism for educators**

Learn about the ways in which teachers are responding to multilingual classrooms

## Our Courses

Cultural and linguistic diversity of the EU

### Course 6: Intercultural Relations

Learn about the sociocultural dimensions of European integration.

#### Course in brief

You will learn about the intercultural interaction between actors, organisations and institutions from different countries and cultures.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

##### LESSON ONE

##### **The context of cross-cultural interactions**

Learn about globalization as a multi-faceted phenomenon

##### LESSON TWO

##### **What is culture**

Learn about the concept of “culture” and its different layers

##### LESSON THREE

##### **Intercultural situations**

Learn about intercultural communication and stereotypes and prejudices related to it

##### LESSON FOUR

##### **Cross-cultural issues**

Learn about some theories of culture, types of culture and their various dimensions

##### LESSON FIVE

##### **Intercultural learning and competence**

Learn what it means to be culturally competent



## Our Courses

### International Relations of the EU, Business and Trade

#### Course 7:

## External Relations of the EU

Learn about EU external relations, focusing the attention on the various dimensions of EU external action, as well as on the EU as a global actor.

#### Course in brief

You will be acquainted with the functioning of EU external relations and policies and will be provided with a global picture of EU international role across themes, issues and geographical areas.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

##### LESSON ONE

##### **The EU as a global international actor**

Learn what international actorness is and whether the EU is a global actor

##### LESSON TWO

##### **The EU foreign policy and its role in multilateral security**

Learn about the Common Security Foreign Policy and the Common Security Defence Policy

##### LESSON THREE

##### **The EU external action and relations around the world**

Learn about the European neighbourhood policy, the EU enlargement policy and EU development policy

##### LESSON FOUR

##### **The EU in managing world issues and emergencies**

Learn how the EU promotes human rights  
Learn about humanitarian aid operations

##### LESSON FIVE

##### **Migration diplomacy**

Learn how the EU promotes human rights  
Learn about humanitarian aid operations

## Our Courses

International Relations of the EU, Business and Trade

### Course 8:

# History of European Integration, 1945 – 1992

Learn the origin and historical development of the European integration in the hotly debated period between the end of the Second World War and the signing of the Maastricht Treaty.

#### Course in brief

You will learn about the main events and stages in the development of the integration as a sophisticated and uneven process of transfer of national sovereign rights to supranational institutions.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

##### LESSON ONE

##### **Historiography of European integration**

Learn about the process of building trust and unity post 1945

##### LESSON TWO

##### **The origins of the European Communities**

Learn about road from the European Coal and Steel Community to the European Economic Community

##### LESSON THREE

##### **The early years of the Common Market**

Learn about the establishment of the Customs Union and the Common Agricultural Policy

##### LESSON FOUR

##### **The EC's darkest hour?**

Learn how dreams of a true economic, monetary and political union were almost shattered

##### LESSON FIVE

##### **From Communities to Union**

Learn how economic and political integration went hand in hand and the Union was born

## Our Courses

International Relations of the EU, Business and Trade

### Course 9:

## EU Trade and Investment in a Historic and Contemporary Perspective

Learn about opportunities to trade with and invest in the EU and how to outline the advantages, the disadvantages, the cost and the risks of doing so.

### Course in brief

You will be equipped with practical knowledge in the EU economic, trade and investment traditions and contemporary practices.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### LESSON ONE

##### **Macro-dimensions of the EU economy**

Learn about the size of the EU economy including the monetary union and welfare states in the EU

#### LESSON TWO

##### **Trading with the EU**

Learn about the trade within the EU, free trade agreements with neighbours and globally

#### LESSON THREE

##### **Investment process – in and outward investment**

Learn about investment regularities and the role of the EU policy factor

#### LESSON FOUR

##### **Cultural matters relevant to trade and investment**

Learn about the dynamics of the EU business environment and the non-economic charm of the EU

#### LESSON FIVE

##### **Pros and Cons of trading with and investing in the EU**

Check your approach by the quiz and a SWOT analysis approach

# Our classroom experience

## Knowledge

Find answers to your questions about the uniqueness of the EU. Search questions asked by other students and discover how to solve the challenges that you encounter.

## Workspaces

Ask for an individual code or a code for the classroom with your teacher.

## Quizzes

Check what you have learned in the quizzes after each nanodegree unit.

## Multidisciplinary approach

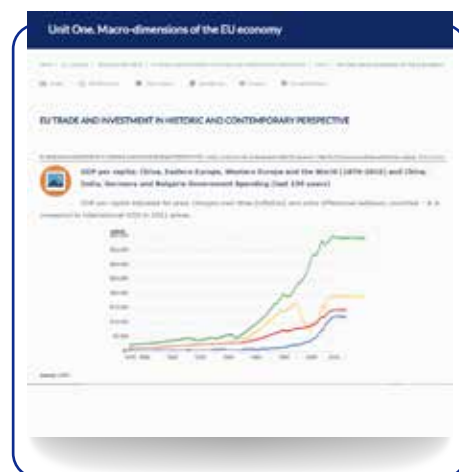
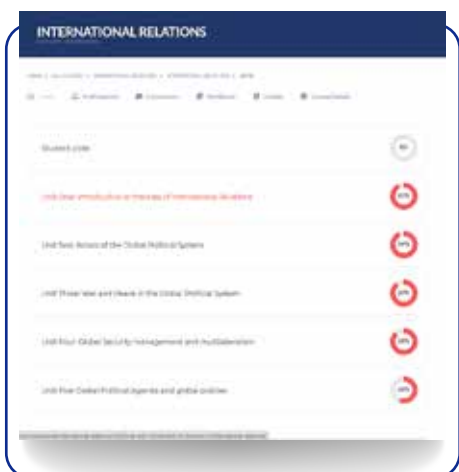
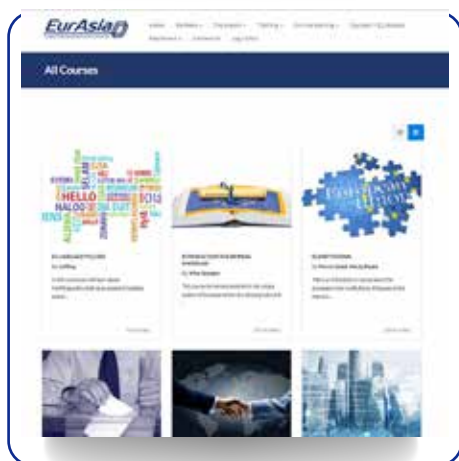
Discover the input from various disciplines when you want to understand the EU.

## Design a plan

Design a plan to get a badge and a certificate. Work with a mentor to create a custom study plan to suit your interests and needs or to complement your undergraduate or graduate studies.

## Track your progress

Stay on track to complete your Nanodegree program in European studies with useful milestone reminders. Collect your EURASIA digital badges.



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with  
the best



**Sofia University St Kliment Ohridski** is the leading university in Bulgaria with four centres of excellence, the highest number of Horizon 2020 research projects and the top position in the national ranking system. It has a strong EU profile with programmes in European studies, courses and modules in European policies and politics in many of its faculties.



**The Institute of European Studies makes part of the Faculty of International and Political Studies at Jagiellonian University** – the oldest and the leading university in Poland. IES is known for its interdisciplinary approach, combining the perspectives of anthropology, economy, cultural studies, political science and international relations, history, law and sociology on Europe.



**The University of Catania** is the oldest in Sicily, Italy, its foundation dates back to 1434. The Political and Social Sciences Department offers high level expertise on global institutions, policies and issues, global justice, EU policy-making and governance, and key Mediterranean issues.



**The Languages Company** is an expert organisation specialising in language policy and pedagogy. Its Director was the National Director for Language in England and the TLC has advised the EU and many authorities in Europe and beyond.



**The Higher Institute of Management (ISM)** is the component of **the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines**. UVSQ combines its international influence with that of the University of Paris-Saclay, which brings together an unrivalled cooperation offer in France and with which it will merge in 2025 to become one of the world leaders in training and research.

**All universities are Members of European Universities Alliances – the new generation of strategic transnational partnerships in the European Higher Education Area.**

# Our Nano degree

**Our Nanodegree in European Studies** includes three levels of learning in online environment and the accomplishment of each is validated by a digital badge:

**Course digital badge awarded upon completion of each of the 9 courses.**

**Nanodegree digital badge awarded on completion of 3 courses in one of the following thematic areas:**

## **EU Law and the EU Itself**

Introduction to European Union Law  
The EU Political System  
European Institutions

## **Cultural and linguistic diversity of the EU**

European identity  
EU Language policy  
Intercultural Relations

## **International Relations of the EU, Business and Trade**

External relations of the EU  
History of European Integration, 1945-1992  
EU trade and investment in Historic and Contemporary Perspective

**Certificate digital badge awarded when 2 nanodegrees are completed.**

The **QR code** on each digital badge is individual. It leads to a url containing details about the respective course, nanodegree or certificate. The badges can be built in a student's LinkedIn profile or added to a digital CV or portfolio.



**3 x Course badges**

**2 x Nanodegree badges**

**1 x Nanodegree badge**

**1 x Certificate digital badge**

# Enrolment

**Students have to register at [eurasiaproject.eu](https://eurasiaproject.eu) and create an account.**

## **For groups of students with a mentor/teacher**

When redirected back to the EURASIA nanodegree webpage, you have to select the course assigned by your teacher /mentor, then click on the button **Apply for a course as part of a group** and follow the on-screen instructions. When prompted to do so, you have to enter the code you have received from your mentor/teacher.

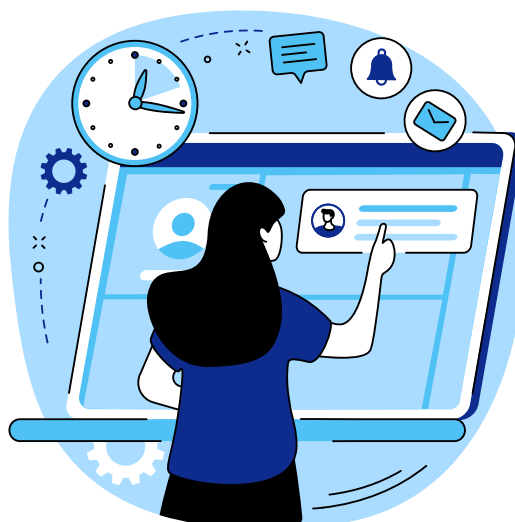
## **For individual students**

When redirected back to the EURASIA nanodegree webpage, you have to select the course of your choice and use the button **Apply as an individual**. Whenever asked to enter a student code, write in the respective field "Individual".

## **For teachers/mentors who work with a class or groups of students**

Teachers/mentors have to click on **Apply as a teacher/mentor** and complete the online registration form. You will receive an email with instructions.

**Register** ➤ **Log in** ➤ **Apply**



## Student opinions

“Amazing and informative course.”

*(Student in the Introduction to EU Law, India)*

“Interested me to learn more about the Council, Parliament and Commission and how they work together.”

*(Student in EU Institutions, India)*

“This course has strengthened my background knowledge and I'm planning to apply for Master programme relating to European Politics and policy.”

*(Student in Introduction to EU Law, China)*

“The materials are very helpful, clearly explaining the points of knowledge.”

*(Student in The EU Political System, China)*

“I enjoyed this course very much. I'm interested in European Studies and would like to learn more about EU. EURASIA provided me a platform to broaden my horizon and deepen my understanding of EU.”

*(Student in Introduction to EU Law, China)*

“I found my area of interest in this field.”

*(Student, Law School, India)*

“Useful, made me interested in this subject-matter.”

*(Student, Myanmar)*

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