



The European Union in a Global World (EUGW)

Overview

The business programmes are a unique blend of business, politics, language and culture, offering business and economics students alike the chance to undertake a demanding, in-depth study of Germany and the European Union.

Date

24 June – 21 July 2018

Course Content

- EU – Chances and Challenges for Political Integration
- The EU – a Dynamic Player in International Trade and Institutions
- Global Challenges for European Firms
- Human Costs of Global Markets: The European Perspective

The course programme also includes:

- Study visits to companies and (political) institutions
- Module on German culture and society from an intercultural perspective

Course Language

English. Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL iBT 90 or equivalent) is required.

Prerequisites

Upper undergraduate students of business, economics or political science (after two years of study) or graduates with good standing.

Number of Participants

20–25

Course Fees

1850,- €

This includes tuition and application fees, accommodation, health, accident and liability insurance, study visits, most parts of the culture and leisure time programme.

Credits

- 100 contact hours
 - 80 contact hours business law course incl. study visits
 - 20 contact hours German culture and society
- 9 ECTS credits

Accommodation

- Student Hostel (double room)
- Arrival 24 June (move-in), departure 21 July (move-out)

Culture and Leisure Time Programme

The summer school team offers participants a wide variety of optional cultural and social events in Berlin and surrounding area (e.g. museums, boat trip, palaces, trips to Potsdam and Sachsenhausen) about twice a week.

Registration Deadline

- 1 April 2018
- 15 March 2018 for nominated students from partner universities

Contact, Enquiries and Registration

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Syllabus

Students gain insights into the conditions under which European firms operate in a globalised world. They can assess the interrelationships with macroeconomic processes and understand further implications for the natural environment and human living conditions. Students will know the challenges of different political cultures in the EU and how these demonstrate decisive challenges for the future progress of political integration. They understand the variety of answers given by different academic disciplines and the different members of faculty. Students are aware of the types of conflict between global actors and develop deeper knowledge about their causes and possible solutions. Students return to their home universities with further insights into the international environment, in which international firms and governments operate.

For a more detailed syllabus, please send an email to summer@hwr-berlin.de

Lecturers

Dr. Götz Harald Frommholz, Prof. Dr. Axel Hellmann, Prof. Dr. Sigrid Betzelt, Prof. Dr. Andreas Polk (subject to change)

Week 1

Week 1 EU – Chances and Challenges for Political Integration	
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction to the EUThe enlargement processSuccesses and drawbacksThe institutions of the EU
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Varieties of political systems in the EU: federalism vs. centralismVarieties of capitalismChallenges based on this diversity
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Problems of political integrationPolitical culture in the EUPolitical participationDemocratic deficits
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central challenges of the future development of the EUExam
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Excursion to the German Parliament (Bundestag)

Week 2

Week 2 The EU – a Dynamic Player in International Trade and Institutions	
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Single European Market and its imperfections in network industriesThe pillars of competition policy
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Merger controlDefinition of the relevant marketImplementation of merger control in the EU (case studies)
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prohibition of cartelization and abuse controlImplementation of the prohibition of cartelization (cartel cases)Abuse control: selected cases
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">State aid control in the EUFinal exam
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Institutional visit: The Representation of the EU in Berlin

Week 3

Week 3 Global Challenges for European Firms	
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Global financial environmentFinancial goals and corporate governance
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central bank policyChanges in the European monetary economiesThe foreign exchange market for corporates
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Company visit in line with class presentations (e.g. BMW at Leipzig)
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Changes in the Service IndustriesHigh Tech RequirementsStart-up Firms in Germany
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Financing business activities in a global economyForeign direct investment (FDI)Exam

Week 4

Week 4 Human Costs of Global Markets: The European Perspective	
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Capitalism and the European social model: National Welfare StatesTransformation from Welfare to »Workfare« States
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">European Social Policy: EU as a regime of »Shared Sovereignty«Social protection: »European Employment Strategy« – »Europe 2020«
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Current financial crisis: Economic vs. Social GovernanceImplications for the costly Welfare States
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Institutional visit to the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social AffairsPaper presentations
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EU regional policy: Territorial cohesion policiesPaper presentations