



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

The Economics and History of European Integration

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Learning objectives

The course is composed by two modules: the first one is dedicated to historical aspects, the second one to economic (and by this way social and political) aspects.

The aim of the course of History of European Integration (4 CFU) is to show the steps of the creation of the existing European economic situation.

The aim of the course of Economics of European Integration (4 CFU) is to offer the basic know how in economics, both the micro and macro levels, for analysing and studying the different steps of the European Integration.

The main aims of the course of Economics and History of European Integration can be summarized as follows. The course gives an advanced knowledge about the European integration process using an interdisciplinary approach which adds economy and history. Interpreting the international character of the area of learning, the course analyses the scenario of an open economy and addresses issues of great relevance and great importance in the public and academic debate. The historical module illustrates the evolution of the integration process, emphasizing the goals of the actors, both the benefits and the expected costs in the acceding countries. The aim is to understand how certain decisions, which have already been implemented with negative results in the past, are not to be replicated. The history does not suggest the right solution for the present problems, but it clearly indicates the errors which are not to be replicated. The economic module deals with micro-and macro-economic aspects, with the help of theoretical models and empirical analyzes. Teachers also provide insights, different from year to year, to accustom students to deal with scientific research and to provide useful issues of particular individual indepth topical.

Contents

History of European Integration:

After a brief summary of the previously models of European integration existing from the half of the 19th century to the second world war, the course explains the reasons and the modalities of the foundation of the first European institutions and policies (ECSC, EEC, Euratom, CAP, EIB) and the economical and financial context where they operated (gold exchange standard and golden age). Then it illustrates the changes of the 1970s (the end of the gold exchange standard, the shock oil and the creation of the EMS) and the increase in number of EEC' countries until the Unique Act and the Treaty of Maastricht. Finally it shows the steps of the creation of the EMU and the positive and negative aspects of the new EU at the beginning of the new millennium: in particular face to the perspective of the further enlargement to the Eastern Europe and in a context of strong globalization of world markets where there exist new great competitors as the BRICS.

Economics of European Integration:

The course discusses many aspects regarding the European integration process, and it is made up of three main parts:

A - Microeconomics of the European Integration - Market Size and Scale Effects, Economic Integration, Labour Markets and Migration, Location Effects, Economic Geography and Regional Policy, EU Competition and State Aid Policy

B - Macroeconomics of the European Integration - Optimum Currency Areas, Fiscal Policy and the Stability Pact, The European Monetary Union, The Euro Area Crisis

C - Banking Union

D - Climate Change and the Green New Deal

Detailed program

History of European Integration:

These items will be analysed during the lessons

- a) The economic integration in Europe from the 19th century to the mid of 20th century (notes);
- b) The first essays of economic integration after the second world war;

- c) The birth of the ECSC (European Coal and Steel Community) and the EEC (European Economic Community);
- d) The International Monetary System until the crisis of the system of Bretton Wood;
- e) The birth of the European Monetary System and the first enlargement of the EEC;
- f) The problems of the European Monetary System and the crisis in 1992;
- g) The Maastricht Treaty and the Monetary and Economic Union
- h) The European agriculture and the CAP (Common Agricultural Policy), the European industrial policy and the new rules on the concurrency and protectionism in the new EU;
- i) The new Millennium: the enlargement to Eastern European Countries and the problems connected to the world economic crisis and Brexit (notes)

Economics of European Integration:

A - Micro

1. Market Size and Scale Effects
2. Economic Integration, Labour Markets and Migration
3. Location Effects, Economic Geography and Regional Policy
4. EU Competition and State Aid Policy

B - Macro

1. Optimum Currency Areas
2. Fiscal Policy and the Stability Pact
3. The European Monetary Union
4. The Euro Area Crisis

C - Banking Union

D - Climate Change and the Green New Deal

Prerequisites

History of European Integration - Having passed the course of Economic History (or similar) in the three-year

degree

Economics of European Integration - Basic knowledge in micro and macroeconomics

Teaching methods

History of European Integration - The course is in blended-learning: oral lectures (14 hours), blended-learning (14 hours)

Economics of European Integration - The course is based on frontal lectures

During the Covid emergency period, lessons will be remotely asynchronous with synchronous videoconferencing events

Assessment methods

History of European Integration - For students attending the course: Written exam with 16 open questions (everyone 2 points) - Series of questions at home within a deadline (forum). The final evaluation depends on written exam (60%) and homework research (40%)

For not attending students: Written exam with 16 open questions (everyone 2 points)

Economics of European Integration - Written exam with 6 questions

During the Covid-19 emergency period, the exams will be online only: the test will be written with 6 questions extracted causally from a group of 10 and will use Respondus; the test will be oral for those who request it or for those who have technical problems during the course of the written test and will be carried out using the WebEx platform (on the e-learning page of the course there will be a public link for access to the examination of possible virtual spectators).

Textbooks and Reading Materials

History of European Integration -

The course is in blended-learning: reading materials are available on-line (e-learning)

For not attending students: Gilbert M., "European Integration: A Concise History", Rowman & Littlefield Pub Inc., 2011

Economics of European Integration -

1. R. Baldwin and C. Wyplosz - *The Economics of European Integration* 5th ed., Mc Graw Hill Education, 2015 (Note: the 6th ed. has just been published)

2. M. Brunnermeier, H. James, and J-P Landau - *The Euro and the Battle of Ideas*, Princeton University Press, 2016

Semester

History of European Integration - First semester - October-November

Economics of European Integration - First semester - November-December

Teaching language

English
