

FOUNDATIONS OF DIPLOMACY

The Political Economy of European Integration I

Course Content

This two part course aims to explain and evaluate the origins, development and continued growth of European integration since 1945. It deals with the original intention of France and Germany to banish war from Europe, the importance of economic co-operation culminating in the single currency, the evolution of a Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the series of Treaties of which the Lisbon Treaty is the most recent and the most hotly contested.

The course focuses on both Western and Eastern Europe; it focuses on countries regarded as very enthusiastic about integration – Spain, Portugal, Germany for example – as well as countries where opposition to integration has become evident – Poland, Hungary, and Denmark for example. The issue of Brexit is covered in depth with particular reference to the

2016 referendum and the subsequent delay to enacting Brexit until 2021.

As well as a thorough understanding of the EU's historical development this course aims to cover the most recent issues in EU international relations to enable students to be familiar with contemporary European diplomacy.

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| Week 1 | Origins of European integration after 1945 |
| Week 2 | Why the UK did not join 1945 - 1970 |
| Week 3 | 1973 Enlargement: The UK joins |
| Week 4 | 1973 Enlargement: Denmark and Ireland join but Norway votes against |





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- Week 5** From De Gaulle to Brandt: EU relations with USA, NATO and the USSR
- Week 6** From Customs Union to the Werner Report 1957 - 1970
- Week 7** 1970s crisis and the abandonment of the Werner Plan
- Week 8** Delors, German Unification and Eastern Europe
- Week 9** 1980s enlargement: Greece, Spain and Portugal
- Week 10** Thatcher: Challenging EU Integration in the 1980s

Intended Learning Outcomes

As well as a thorough understanding of the EU's historical development, this course aims to familiarise students with the most recent issues in EU international relations.