Study programme/study programmes: MA in Political Science – International Studies

Type and level of studies: master academic studies

Name of the course: Theoretical-Methodological Approaches in EU Integration Studies

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Status of the course: elective

Number of ECTS: 6

Eligibility:

Aim of the course
The course is aimed to present main approaches and methods used in contemporary empirical research of different problems related to the European integration field; introduction with the most important theoretical approaches to EU integration studies; introduction with possibilities for use of the known data bases and internationally standardized indexes in the context of this research; presentation and critical analysis of findings of comparative studies of political culture within the EU countries.

Outcome of the course
Introduction with the most often implemented quantitative and qualitative methods in EU integration research; understanding of limitations and achievements of existing theoretical approaches to EU studies in the EU crisis; mastering of elementary basics of statistical analysis of empirical data in comparative political research; access and use of known data bases and standardized indexes linked to this field of research.

Content of the course

Theoretical teaching
Introduction into the most important EU integration theories; Empirical approach to EU integration research; Quantitative approach to EU integration research (comparative method); Qualitative approach to EU integration research (comparative method); Implementation of contemporary statistical methods and techniques in EU integration research; EU integration – case study as a method; Content analysis and discourse analysis as EU integration research methods; Desk research – use of known data bases in EU integration research (Conflict and Peace Data Bank, World Events Interaction Survey, Comparative Research on the Events of Nation Project); Use of internationally standardized indexes and international research data (World Bank Rule of Law Index, World Bank Control of Corruption Index, Human Development Index, Gender Empowerment Index, Freedom House Index, Bartlesmen Foundation Democracy Index); Presentation of key comparative studies of political culture of the EU countries; Research report writing.

Literature

Number of classes of active teaching

| Lectures: 2 | Seminars: 1 | Other forms of teaching | Study research work: 1 |

Teaching methods:
Lectures, group discussions, students presentations

Assessment of knowledge (maximum No. of points 100)

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