

Government and Politics of the EU | POP88044

Year	1
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	5 weeks of seminars
Pre-requisite	Nil
Semester	2
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Module Outline

The overall aim of this course is to provide students with a critical understanding and comprehensive knowledge of the institutions and their challenges. At the end of this course it is expected that students will have a good understanding of how EU institutions work and the main issues that dominate the EU public debate.

Module Structure:

This module is 5 weeks duration and is worth 5 ECTS credits. The module will be run as a seminar. That means that everyone is expected to attend every class having completed the readings, ready to participate. Students are expected to carry the discussion forward, the course instructor will chair and, where necessary, focus the debate and pose questions.

Assessment

- Participation – 20%
- Presentation – 30%
- Essay – 50%

Recommended Reading List

Beyond the readings noted in the full course outline, students should read a good European newspaper on a daily basis. Students should also consult relevant electronic resources found in the TCD library. Please note that for all areas discussed in the class, you may want to supplement your reading of books and articles with current overviews of these policy areas on the EU's website: <https://europa.eu/> and on news services that focus on EU affairs, such as <http://www.euractiv.com/en/HomePage>.