

UAB25187-G2: EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

INSTITUTION: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)

LANGUAGE: English

CREDITS: 3

DESCRIPTION:

Aspects of common European Territories. CE-EFTA convergence. External Economic Relations. Expansion of the European Union.

EVALUATION:

There will be a final written evaluation.

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COURSE CONTENT:

Theme I: Elements of European Integration

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. The European Territory
- III. Identity and Values in Europe
- IV. Phases and processes of integration
- V. Analysis of the effects of integration.
- VI. Conclusion: Economic dynamics and integration

Theme II: Dynamic of European Communities

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. Reform processes and the European Communities.
- III. The Unique European Act
- IV. The European Union Treaty.
- V. Amsterdam and Nice Treaties: Intensification vs Ampliation.
- VI. European Constitution: Convention and CIG 2003
- VII. Conclusion: Europe in the 21st Century.

Theme III: The Community System

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. Aims of the European Union and the competencies of the Community.
- III. The Common Policies.
- IV. The Community Institutions.
- V. Dynamics and elaboration of the community budget.
- VI. Structure of income and spending.
- VII. Conclusion: The European Community

Theme IV: Economic Liberties

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. Free market trade.
- III. Free circulation of workforce.
- IV. Free circulation of capital.
- V. Freedom of establishment and services.
- VI. The great interior market place.
- VII. Conclusion: Economic liberties, the promotion of the common market.

Theme V: Competition Policy

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. The Common Market, competition and a dominant position.
- III. The Unique Market Program.
- IV. Competition rules for business.
- V. Concentration, fusion and absorption.
- VI. The Community Policy: PIME
- VII. Public Sector competition.
- VIII. Structural Market reforms, products and services.
- IX. Conclusion: The creation of an interior market.

Theme VI: Economic and Monetary Union

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. The financial European system.
- III. The Monetary European system.
- IV. The Monetary Union.
- V. Monetary Policy
- VI. Conclusion: Success and limitations of the Union.

Theme VII: Commercial Common Policy

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. Exterior Community Policy.
- III. Entrance taxes.
- IV. Other instruments of commercial policy.
- V. Commercial relations and European Cooperation. Commerce and development.
- VI. Conclusion: The strategic commercial position of Spain.

Theme VIII: Energy, Industrial and Technological Policies.

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. Aspects of Industrial structure in Europe.
- III. Common Energy Policy
- IV. Industrial Community policy and strategy.
- V. Technological research and developmental programs.
- VI. Conclusion: a key offer policy.

Theme IX: Transport Policy.

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. European Transport Systems.
- III. Common market, coordination and infrastructures.
- IV. Perspectives on transport
- V. TransEuropean infrastructure networks: Territorial balance and cohesion.
- VI. Conclusion: Between freedom and the improvement of infrastructures.

Theme X: Common Agricultural Policy.

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. Agricultural Policy bases and common rural policy.
- III. Principles and objectives of PAC.
- IV. Instruments of PAC.
- V. Common market organization.
- VI. Finance of PAC.
- VII. Impact analysis, reform lines and PARC perspectives.
- VIII. Common Fishing policy.
- IX. Conclusion: Between freedom and the improvement of infrastructures.

Theme XI: Regional Community Policy.

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. Regions and European Development.
- III. New European Development.
- IV. Structural Policy and ampliation: development, convergence and cohesion.
- V. Regional Policy Objectives.
- VI. Instruments of regional policy.
- VII. Management of structural funds.
- VIII. Conclusion: Perspectives of regional community policy.

Theme XII: Social Common Policy.

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. Welfare State and Social Policy in Europe.
- III. The Development of a Common Social Policy.
- IV. Free circulation of European citizens.
- V. Employment.
- VI. Compensatory acts.
- VII. Conclusion: Between harmonization, protection vs competition, solidarity / liberalism vs competition.

Theme XIII: Protection of the Consumer and the Environment

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. European policy for the defence of the consumer.
- III. European policy for the protection of the environment.
- IV. Conclusion: growth quality.

Theme XIV: Economic Policy in Europe

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. Objectives and control in European Economic Policy.
- III. One market strategy and structural reform.
- IV. Stability, growth and employment.
- V. Coordination, economic cooperation and European policy mix.
- VI. Conclusion: The new European Economic regulations.

Theme XV: European Union vs The USA

- I. Introduction: Summary
- II. Dynamics and structure of the economy.
- III. Conemporary economic problems.
- IV. Employment, productivity, performance and sustainability.

- V. Economic regulation in American and Europe.
- VI. Economic and social models in Europe vs the American way of life.
- VII. Transatlantic communications and the international dynamic.
- VIII. Conclusions: Universalism and Hegemony.

Conclusion: The dynamics being European integration.

- I. The system of the European Union.
- II. The Community Policies.
- III. The development of a European economic integration.
- IV. Strategic perspectives on the architecture of the European Union.

BASIC AND COMPLEMENTARY BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- Brunet, Ferran: Curso de Integración Europea. Madrid, Alianza Editorial 1999
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