

SUMMER COURSE CLASS DESCRIPTION

Experience the Spirit of Europe

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Contact hours: 2		

COURSE DESCRIPTION / AIMS

The goal of this lecture is to understand the European enlargement process and thus not only the simple increase in member states but also the ongoing deepening of cooperation inside the EU as for instance the enlargement of the Eurozone.

After a short overview of changes in the European map since 1900 this lecture focuses on the enlargement process after the fall of the iron curtain. Chances and challenges of both, old and (potential) new member states, are analyzed. This includes the Copenhagen criteria and necessary reforms in the EU. The eligibility of the 3 current candidates (Turkey, Macedonia and Croatia) and the so-called potential candidates is checked by applying the Copenhagen Criteria.

Finally, the ongoing enlargement of the Eurozone is analyzed. After a short explanation of the Maastricht criteria they are applied on Euro-candidates.

PREREQUISITES

None.

CONTENT

The programme in detail:

1. Political changes in Europe from 1914 to 1989/1990
2. The chances and challenges of Eastern European enlargement for old member states and potential candidates
3. Preparing for enlargement
 - a) The Copenhagen criteria
 - b) Assistance for the adaption process
 - c) Necessary reforms in the EU
4. The process of negotiations
5. The fifth enlargement of the EU
6. Candidates
7. Potential candidates
8. Deepening of economic cooperation – adoption of the Euro
 - a) the Maastricht criteria
 - b) analysis of the status quo.

LEARNING METHODS

Lecture and interactive class discussion.

ASSESSMENT

Compulsory attendance; continuous assessment based on the students' participation. Examination at the end of the Summer Course.