Course offer General Studies / *Studium generale*

Type of instruction Seminar

Credits 2.5

Availability Wintersemester

Hours/week 2

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| Course number | | 2756 | |
| English title / German title | | **European Integration: From the Single Market to the Debt Crisis** | |
| Credits | | 2.5 C | |
| Instruction hours | | 2 hours per week during the lecture period of the semester | |
| Subject coverage | | General Studies / *Studium generale* | |
| Learning objectives / Competencies | | Course participants shall be able to explain and comment the various stages of European integration, the economic and political problems/issues related to the integration process and several aspects of the debt crisis in the European Monetary Union. | |
| Requirements | | Level of English: Level B1 in line with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages | |
| Type of course | | Seminar: The course consists of lectures by the instructor, presentations by the course participants and plenary discussions. | |
| Status\* | | Elective course | |
| Semester when offered | | Winter semester | |
| Assessment of performance | | Presentation (20-25 min.) plus compulsory attendance | |
| Determination of the grade | | Grade of presentation (100%) | |
| Recognition of alternative courses\* | | Course of comparable contents | |
| Contents | | The first decades of the integration process were a success story: Some 50 years after having signed the Treaty of Rome the economies of the member states of the European Union (EU) have become highly integrated. The *Single Market* project and the Euro were important catalysts of the integration process. However, in 2010 a profound crisis struck the Eurozone. What were the causes of the crisis? How have EU institutions handled the crisis? What reforms have been implemented to prevent another crisis and are these reforms sufficient?  The topics to be treated among others are as follows: EU institutions, the *Single Market* project, the Euro currency union, the monetary policy of the European Central Bank (ECB). | |
| Literature | | * Baldwin, R.; Wyplosz, C. (2012): The Economics of European Integration. McGraw-Hill: London, Boston, etc. * Artis, M.; Nixcon, F. (eds.) (2007): The Economics of the European Union. Oxford University Press: New York.   Further literature will be announced at the beginning of the course. | |
| Further information | | This course is offered in English. | |

\* Only relevant for Beuth students enrolled in a degree program