

Subject	The European Integration of Kosovo: Reforms and Public Administration		
	Type	Semester	ECTS Code
	Obligatory	III	5
Course Lecturer			
Aims and Objectives	<p>The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the development of institutions and policies in Kosovo on its path towards European Union integration, as well as the strategies and fundamental processes of various policy developments in the field of public administration and reforms.</p> <p>The main objective of the course is to provide comprehensive knowledge about how public institutions in Kosovo work towards adopting legislation and regulations to become part of the EU. To achieve this objective, the course primarily focuses on the country's integration in all areas, including institutions, and the reforms undertaken by public administration, along with assessments received from the EU or the European Commission.</p>		
	<p>In this context, for the purpose of contextualization, the course will also address the EU Enlargement Policies in the Western Balkans and specifically, the Kosovo-EU relations, as well as the achievements to date.</p>		
Learning Outcomes	<p>At the end of the course the student will be able to:</p> <p>Acquire basic knowledge of European integration and its specific connection to Kosovo; Develop skills to identify key aspects of the country's European integration;</p> <p>Analyze the activities of Kosovo's integration processes to become part of the EU; Critically evaluate the majority of key issues, legal and social matters related to the country's integration policies;</p> <p>Compare and contrast with the norms, laws, regulations, and institutional policies of the European Union, as well as the evolution and development of Kosovo's policies;</p> <p>Discuss and research advanced issues related to the public administration policy of Kosovo and their connection to political, legal, and social reforms.</p>		
Course Content	Course Plan	Week	

	Syllabus presentation and introduction			1	
	Treaties of the European Union			2	
	"Acquis" and Kosovo's institutions			3	
	Key characteristics of the European integration process			4	
	Reforms in the field of education			5	
	Stabilization and Association Agreement			6	
	Copenhagen criteria			7	
	IPA funds and Kosovo			8	
	Reforms in the field of Security - Kosovo			9	
	EU Foreign and Security Policy			10	
	Enlargement perspective in the Western Balkans - the case of Kosovo			11	
	Presentations and Colloquium II			12	
Teaching/Learning Methods	Teaching/Learning Activity			Weight (%)	
	1.	Lectures		15%	
	2.	Homework		15%	
	3.	Discussions/Critique		15%	
	4.	Final essay		50%	
	5.	Final essay defence		5%	
Assessment Methods	Assessment Activity		Number	Week	Weight (%)
	1.	Homework reviews & class work	Regular	1-12	50%
	2.	Final essay		1	13-14
Course resources	Resources			Number	
	1.	Literature		Multiple	
	2.	Base data		Multiple	
	3.	Software – Stata, SPSS		1	
	4.	Projector			
ECTS Workload	Activity		Weekly hrs	Total workload	
		Lectures and discussions	2	30	

	Homework, homework review and final essay	3	45
	Homework and essay presentations	3.4	50
Literature/References	Selected books:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="500 405 1440 472">- Robert C Austin, Making and Re-Making the Balkans – Nations and States since 1878. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2019. <li data-bbox="500 506 1440 573">- Olivier Costa, Nathalie Brack, “A Political System Forged By History,” in How the EU Really Works (London: Routledge, 2019), 18. <li data-bbox="500 606 1440 749">- Woelk, J. (2018). From Enlargement Perspective to “Waiting for Godot”? Has the EU Lost Its Transformative Power in the Balkans? In Highs and Lows of European Integration (pp. 27–47). Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-93626-0_3 <li data-bbox="500 783 1440 850">- Austin, R. C. (2018). A Word on Kosovo’s First Ten Years. Südost- Europa, 66(2), 272–281. https://doi.org/10.1515/soeu-2018-0019 		

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- *Geoffrey Pridham (2005), Designing Democracy: EU Enlargement and Regime Change*, 1st Edition, Palgrave Macmillan.
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- Michelle Cini et al. (eds.): *European Union Politics*. 4th Oxford: Oxford UP 2013
- Witzleb, N., Martínez, A., and P. Winand (eds.), *The European Union and Global Engagement Institutions, Policies and Challenges*, Cheltenham, Edward Elgar, 2015.

Links:

European Law: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm> The European Parliament: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en> The European Commission: http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm

The European Court of Justice:

http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/court-justice/index_en.htm The Treasury's site on the Euro: <http://www.euro.gov.uk/> Treaty

of Lisbon: http://europa.eu/lisbon_treaty/index_en.htm

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Court of Justice of the European Union: http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo2_6999/

European Court of Auditors: <http://www.eca.europa.eu/Pages/Splash.aspx>

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