

European Integration

Academic degree: Master degree

Professional qualification: Master in European Studies

Type of instruction and duration: full-time, two-year /4 semesters/ degree program

In 2009, the BA and MA degree program in Political Science received an accreditation mark of 3,3 for a six-year period, till 2015.

The European Studies program educates experts in the field of diplomacy, consulship and general foreign policy affairs.

The MA curriculum encompasses a wide range of disciplines, which aim at enriching the students' systematic knowledge and competence on topics of international, juridical, political, historic and economic character. MA graduates in European studies have excellent opportunities for professional career in state administration as well as in international, political, public and civil organizations and institutions..

The master degree is awarded after passing a theoretical state examination and defending a thesis paper. The interdisciplinary character of the discipline provides the graduates with the opportunity to further advance in various areas of public life – in Bulgarian governmental and international institutions, non-governmental organizations, etc.

The MA graduates acquire competence and practical skills necessary for their professional development in a globalized world as regards:

- the main concepts related to the globalization and regional tendencies;
- the main directions set by the theoretical schools of international relations;
- the main tendencies in the development of the international system in transition;
- acquiring fundamental knowledge of vital disciplines such as history, political science, law, and economics;
- acquiring basic knowledge of some notions related to cultural anthropology;
- acquiring knowledge and skills in applying the EU's regional policies and strategies;
- learning how to work in a team in various national and international institutions and NGO's;
- opportunities of further engaging oneself in other MA programs: international relations, political science, journalism, public relations, etc.

The MA graduates have excellent opportunities for professional career as:

- experts in foreign policy affairs and counsellors in central state authorities;
- employees at the Ministry of foreign affairs and its units abroad – embassies, consulates, etc.;
- experts in analysis at security and defense offices;
- researchers at scientific institutes and lecturers at institutions for higher educations;
- experts and commentators at mass-media's international sections;
- specialists in the international affairs sectors of the state institutions, non-governmental and public organizations, chambers of commerce, custom-houses, import-export companies as well as in foreign firms with shared partnership;
- specialists at the international affairs departments of the state institutions;

The European Studies program is offered by the Law and History Faculty.

The head of the Department for International Law and International Relations is Prof. Dr. Ec. Sc. Nina Dyulgerova.

CURRICULUM
Discipline: European Studies – code 04.38_4.9.20

First year			
First semester	ECTS	Second semester	ECTS
The European Union within the system of international relations	7.5	The European Union's policies of growth, development and solidarity	6.0
Institutions and decision making in EU	7.5	European security– aspects, problems and perspectives	6.0
European Union Law	7.5	European projects and programs	6.0
European Court of Human Rights	7.5	Documentation and archives in the European Union	6.0
		Elective courses (the students may choose only one course)	
		Security and Defense Policy of the European Union	6.0
		Ecological Policy of the EU	6.0
		EU's strategy with regard to the Mediterranean region	6.0
		EU Economic and Monetary Union	6.0
		EU competition policy	6.0
		Terminology of the European Union in a Foreign Language – I part	6.0
	Total: 30		Total: 30
Second year			
First semester	ECTS credits	Second semester	ECTS credits
Integration Models in Europe	6.0	History of the European idea and the European integration	5.0
The European Union and the Black Sea region	6.0	Cultural policies of Europe	5.0
Cooperation in Civil Matters in the European Union	6.0	Political history of the South-Eastern European countries	5.0
Cooperation in Criminal Matters in the European Union	6.0	State examination or thesis paper defense	15.0
Elective courses (the students may choose only one course)			
Neighborhood policy of the EU	6.0		
Media management	6.0		
Energy policy of the EU	6.0		
Information Security in the EU	6.0		
Sociology of politics	6.0		
Terminology of the European Union in a Foreign Language – II part	6.0		
	Total 30		Total 30

Total for two academic years: 120 ECTS

ANNOTATIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COURSES

THE EUROPEAN UNION WITHIN THE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

ECTS: 7.5

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and Department providing the course: Law and History Faculty, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Ec. Sc. Nina Dyulgerova, Tel.:073/88 66 21.

ANNOTATION:

The EU within the system of international relations is a course aiming at making the students familiar with the structures and the historical dynamics of the international relations, the place of the EU within the system of the international relations before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Union's role as a global player, its Euro-Atlantic orientated attitude and policies towards the main world regions, and the open diplomacy as a factor for the strengthening of the EU's position on international scale.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The course contents is distributed into three modules. In the first module, the structural elements of the system of international relations are presented, as well as some concepts, such as "leaderships", "hegemony", "antipodes", and "integration". In the second module, the main parameters of the EU's foreign and security policy are analyzed. In the third module, the same issues as well as the EU's policy towards the major world regions are tackled from the geopolitical point of view.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The course instruction goes in the form of lectures and supervised extra-curriculum activity. Every lecture topic is presented through the prism of the Bulgarian perspective (what the opportunities for Bulgaria to actively participate in the implementation of the EU's foreign policies are, which tendencies should be prioritized with a view to the national interests, etc.) The individual extra-curriculum activity aims at getting the students ready to apply in practice what they have learned in theory. During the semester the students are given one test on theoretical questions. The final grade for the course is assigned after a written examination has been passed. In order for the course to be considered successfully passed, the students must have attended all the seminars and lectures on a regular basis.

EUROPEAN SECURITY – ASPECTS, PROBLEMS, AND PERSPECTIVES

ECTS credits: 6.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Law and History Faculty, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturer: Prof. Stoyko Stoykov, PhD; Tel.:073/88 66 21.

ANNOTATION:

The course aims at enhancing students' competences on the EU's security policy issues as well as on certain European and Euro-Atlantic structures, which guarantee the effectiveness of this policy.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The course comprises acquisition of deep knowledge on the European integration process, the European Union (EU) and its operation method as well as the acting of the EU within the international system. The study program enhances students' abilities to work in an academic-analytic manner, thus preparing them for a wide variety of career perspectives in all areas where competences on Europe are requested or desired.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The lectures are distributed into modules, which focus on: conveying the essence of the term "security" in all its various aspects (Module 1), offering a general view of the European security and defense policy (Module 2), NATO (Module 3), and the OCCE (Module 4), and tackling the security issues on the Balkans (Module 5). The individual extra-curriculum activity aims at getting the students ready to apply in practice what they have learned in theory. The final grade is assigned after a written examination.

INSTITUTIONS AND DECISION-MAKING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

ECTS credits: 7.5

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Law and History Faculty, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Gabriela Belova, PhD, Tel.:073/88 66 21, E-mail: gbelova@law.swu.bg

ANNOTATION:

The course aim at getting the students acquainted with the problems of the institutional development of the EU. It focuses on conveying key notions and terms regarding the process of European integration, such as "supra-nationality", "institutional body", "institution", and others. The course further attempts at outlining the basic stages of founding, setting into function and reforming the European institutions as well as drawing attention to the modern legal standings of the institutional mechanism after the coming into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

COURSE CONTENTS:

Competencies of the EU. Aims and principles of action of the EU. Organizational principle of the European communities and the EU. European Commission. European Parliament. Council of the EU. European Council. Legal bodies of the EU. Normative procedures within the EU. EU bodies dealing with policies under the second and the third pillar. The EU'

institutional mechanism after the three-pillar system was abandoned and the Treaty of Lisbon entered into force.

MODE OF TEACHING:

Multimedia is extensively used during the course. The extra-curriculum work had for its purpose to acquaint the students with the peculiarities of the basic law-making procedures. The grading procedure is complied with the legally recognized requirements of the Ministry of education.

HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN IDEA AND THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

ECTS credits: 5.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Law and History Faculty, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturers: Assoc. Prof. Gabriela Belova, PhD

ANNOTATION:

The course aims at getting the students acquainted with the evolution of the idea of a united Europe under circumstances when its political realization is already considered possible. Basic concepts regarding the process of European integration are introduced and the main stages of the European enlargement process are outlined. The students get a more detailed understanding of the concept “supra-nationality” and of the way the European institutions function.

COURSE CONTENTS:

What is European integration and how has the European idea evolved? The beginning of the integration process. Theories explicating the integration process 1960 – 1986. Further development of the integration process. The debate over Europe’s future. The European convention. The European constitution. The enlargement process. Problems of national identity and European borders. The EU on the international stage. Other forms of integration in Europe.

MODE OF TEACHING:

Multimedia is extensively used during the course. The extra-curriculum work provides for the students’ effective preparation for the quizzes and for some written theoretical assignments. The final grade is assigned after a written examination.

THE EUROPEAN UNION’S POLICIES OF GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND SOLIDARITY

ECTS credits: 6.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Law and History Faculty, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturers: Prof. Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD

ANNOTATION:

The course is an essential one in the curriculum for the MA program of European Studies. It aims at providing the students with the necessary knowledge and skills on the subject that is the EU’s common policies. It covers all the basic documentation and periods of the development of the separate common policies within the UN.

COURSE CONTENTS:

Common agricultural policy. Common forest policy. Common fisheries policy. Common regional and local development policy. Common transportation and traveling policy. Common trans-European policy. Common industrial policy. Common employment and social affairs policy. Common energy policy. Common environmental policy. Common justice and citizens rights policy. Common consumers and health policy. Common finance and tax policy. Common science and technology policy. Common culture and education policy. Common enterprise policy. Common tourism policy.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The course instruction goes in the form of lectures, seminars, and supervised extra-curriculum activity. Multimedia is also used. The final grade is assigned after a written examination. In order for the course to be considered successfully passed, the students must have attended all the seminars and lectures on a regular basis.

POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES

ECTS credits: 5.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Law and History Faculty, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturers: Assoc. Prof. D. Tyulekov, PhD, Tel.:0886 659 774

ANNOTATION:

The course aims at providing the students with a deeper understanding about the modern history of the Balkan nations and states. The students get an insight about the major facts and particularities in the life of the Balkans during the last two decades, which have proved vital for the historical development of the Balkan peoples. Special emphasis is laid on the place of the Balkans within the system of the international relations during the given period.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The course makes the students familiar with the modern history of the Balkan peoples and states, as well as with the methodology of the scientific research, the specific terms and notions, and the division by historical periods. Some lectures focus on the period of the revival of the Balkan peoples, the restoration of their independence, their social and economical development, and the way the Great powers influenced the policy of each of the Balkan states during the given period. Another emphasis is laid on the consequences the Balkan states had to face after WWI, the minorities situation on the Balkans between the two world wars, and the Balkan states' policy balancing between the status quo and the political changes.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The course instruction goes in the form of lectures, seminars, and supervised extra-curriculum activity. Multimedia is also used. The final grade is assigned after a written examination. In order for the course to be considered successfully passed, the students must have attended all the seminars and lectures on a regular basis.

EUROPEAN UNION LAW

ECTS credits: 7.5

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Law and History Faculty, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturers: Assoc. Prof. Gabriela Belova, PhD, Tel.:0886 659 774, E-mail: gbelova@law.swu.bg

ANNOTATION:

EU law differs substantially both from the international law and the national laws of the member states. EU law is a unique body of treaties and legislation, which brings forward some specific theoretical and practical issues, and is in a complicated inter-relation with the national law system of each one of the member states.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The lecture topics provide the students with the opportunity to get acquainted with the subject, method and the system of the EU law, with its sources, principles, organs and the legal acts those adopt and implement, as well as with the legal side of the Common Market, the Economic and Monetary Union, and the EU's common trade policy, the common transport policy, the common regional, social and energy policy.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The course instruction goes in the form of lectures, seminars, and supervised extra-curriculum activity. The students are supposed to submit a number of research papers on the covered material. The final grade is assigned after a written examination.

INTEGRATION MODELS IN EUROPE

ECTS credits: 3.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Law and History Faculty, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturers: Assoc. Prof. Nikolay Popov, PhD

ANNOTATION:

The course "Integration Models in Europe" takes substantial place in the professional training of the future masters in European integration. The main goal of the course is to provide knowledge about the historical development, the nature and the characteristics of the models of integration in Europe. It includes the study of major theoretical views and concepts for European integration.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The continent of Europe - main features and characteristic; Impact of changes in the Nineteenth Century over the development of social processes in Europe in the Twentieth Century; War as one of the main forms of interaction in Europe and its impact on integration in Europe; Religions and their influence on the development of integration in Europe; Political, economic and cultural development of Europe between the wars; Integration models in Europe after World War II; Separation and recovery of Europe; Features of the development of the Eastern Bloc; Relationship between the processes of enlargement and integration in the European Community; Effects of the Cold War on integration in Europe; Europe in the Twenty-first Century.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The lecture course with students is led in the traditionally approved way by using multimedia, too. The individual preparation envisages study of sections from the basic and additional literature; assignments resolution; test tasks resolution. All evaluations are based on written work.

EUROPEAN UNION ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

ECTS credits: 6.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Law and History, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Nataliya Bekyarova, PhD, Tel: 073/ 88 66 21

ANNOTATION: The purpose of the course is to give basic knowledge of the main problems of the development of environmental policy, to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to analyze and evaluate the stages and the current state of EU environmental policy, to get them acquainted with the objectives, principles and regulations of the current EU environmental policy and in particular with Bulgaria's environmental policy.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The courses provides the students with knowledge of the main categories of ecology, the impact of human activities on the environment, the legal and political instruments of the environmental policy, the energy policy, the priorities of the Bulgarian product and waste disposal policy.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The curriculum includes courses and supervised extracurriculum activity. The course is built on step-by-step covering of the material using multimedia and film. The individual extracurriculum activity is designed to teach students how to apply the acquired knowledge in the analysis of processes and trends in EU and Bulgarian environmental policy. The process of self-study focuses on coursework, projects and reports. The final grade is assigned after a written examination.

EUROPEAN UNION AND BLACK SEA REGION

ECTS credits: 6.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Law and History, Department of "International Law and International Relations"

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Nataliya Bekyarova, PhD, Tel.: 073/ 88 66 21

ANNOTATION:

The purpose of the course is to acquaint the students with the contemporary geopolitical significance of the Black Sea region, also with its role and place in the policy of the European Union. Students acquire skills and knowledge about the processes, trends and problems related to the expansion and the development of the contemporary EU policy in the Black Sea region.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The lectures cover the following basic topics: Geopolitical and historical features of the wider Black Sea region. The place and role of the wider Black Sea region in dealing with the energy security issue of the member states. European Neighborhood Policy and the wider Black Sea region countries. Joint operations and regional processes. Dynamics of the economic integration. Common programs and financial solutions.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The course covers the material by applying the from-general-to-private and from- theoretical-to-practical principle, and the comparative analysis method. The lectures are the basic form of teaching. Multimedia presentations are extensively used during the lectures. The assessment of students' knowledge is formed the basis of the results of the written examination (test). Evaluation of results achieved during the training process complies with the requirements of Ordinance № 21 of Ministry of Education from September 30, 2004 for the implementation of the system of accumulation and credits transfer.

EUROPEAN CULTURAL POLICIES

ECTS credits: 5.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Law and History, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturer: Prof. Aleksandar Rangelov, PhD; Tel: 073/ 88 66 21

ANNOTATION:

The main objective of the course is for students to acquire knowledge about the cultural institutions being a system of specialized agencies, functions, legal regulations, professional organizations, etc., as well as a necessary part of culture's way of functioning and development. The course's subject is the cultural institutions management and cultural policy as a system of management contacts spread in time. The main structural components of the cultural policy are discussed as well as various security and infrastructure operations and management systems.

COURSE CONTENTS

Meaning and purpose of the cultural knowledge. Culture and language. Objects of the cultural activity. National and regional dimensions of the European cultural process. Infrastructure of the European cultural institutes. Management of the European culture, The intelligentsia as a leader in Europe's intellectual production. New information technologies. Interaction among arts in Europe, Preservation of the European states' cultural heritage.

MODE OF TEACHING:

Multimedia is largely used during lectures. Individual work consists of homework and theoretical paper assignments. The final grade is assigned after a written examination.

EUROPEAN PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

ECTS credits: 6.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Economics, Department of Finance and Accounting

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Desislava Stoilova, PhD; Tel: 073/ 88 59 52

ANNOTATION:

The course's objective is to acquaint the students with the stages, processes and trends in the development of strategic programming and planning in the EU and Bulgaria in particular. It further outlines the European Commission Operative Programs (OP) approved by the Bulgarian government. The basic guidelines of how to elaborate a project proposal are also presented.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The goal is to prepare the students to successfully apply in practice projects within the framework of the following operative programs: Human Resources Development program, Competitiveness Development of the Bulgarian Economy program, and Environment, Transport and Regional Development program.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The curriculum includes courses and supervised extracurriculum activity. Multimedia is extensively used during lectures. Some topics require additional tasks for individual work. The final grade is assigned after a written examination. In order for the course to be

considered successfully passed, the students must have attended all the seminars and lectures on a regular basis.

EUROPEAN UNION COMPETITION POLICY

ECTS credits: 6.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Law and History, Department of Civil Law and Civil Procedure

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Raya Ilieva, PhD, Tel.:073/ 83 32 08

ANNOTATION:

The course aims to acquaint the students with the subject and the basic concepts of competition law and the types of competition, as well as to gain knowledge about the legal protection of the various forms of competition.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The course gives knowledge about the main sources of the EU competition law, the scope of the Protection of Competition law, the methods of promoting effective competition, the measures designed to prevent any restriction on competition methods that influence the behavior of market players and the markets' structure.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The curriculum includes courses and supervised extracurriculum activity. The process of self-study focuses on coursework, projects and reports. The final grade is assigned after a written examination. In order for the course to be considered successfully passed, the students must have attended all the seminars and lectures on a regular basis.

LEGAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

ECTS credits: 6.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Law and History, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturer: Prof. Stoyko Stoykov, PhD, Tel: 073/ 88 66 21, E-mail:

ANNOTATION:

The main objective is providing the students with knowledge in the field of international justice. The course covers basic topics, which explore the nature of the mechanisms and the methods applied when resolving international public law cases. Attention is drawn upon the International Court of Justice of the UN and the International Court of Arbitration. Analysis of the new trends in international justice and the creation of a permanent institution such as the International Criminal Court is conducted.

COURSE CONTENTS

Concept of international disputes and international justice. Essence and types of international arbitration. Legal status of the UN International Court of Justice. Judicial panel and jurisdiction of International Court of Justice of UN. Phases of litigation before the UN International Court of Justice. Legal framework of the International Criminal Court. International Criminal Court jurisdiction. General characteristics of international tribunals for crimes committed in former Yugoslavia and Cambodia. New trends in the implementation of international justice against individuals who have committed international crimes.

MODE OF TEACHING:

Multimedia presentations are extensively used during the lectures. The homework assignments provide the students with learning basics as regards the development of international justice and good knowledge of modern international relations. The final grade is assigned after a written examination.

EUROPEAN UNION'S STRATEGY WITH REGARD TO THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

ECTS credits: 6.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of the exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Law and History, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturer: Miroslava Tsoneva, PhD. Tel: 0887 219729

ANNOTATION:

The course is optional and it aims to get the students acquainted with the dialogue between the countries of the European Union and the Mediterranean countries. The existing problems in this dialogue are extremely complicated and their solving will require a lot of time and many efforts not only on the part of the countries involved, but also on the part of the global community. In such circumstances, the development of the North-South dialogue, the attempts for the establishment of some political and economic unions in order to enhance the significance of the EU in solving the emerging crisis in the conditions of continuously increasing globalization and European-American rivalry for influence in the region, etc., have become of crucial importance for Europe and the Mediterranean countries.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The lectures cover the following topics: General information about the Mediterranean sea and the Mediterranean region. Islam. The Barcelona Process - a Mediterranean union. Terrorism. The Arabic oil and gas. The immigration processes from the the Southern Mediterranean towards Europe. The ecological problems. The navy forces in the Mediterranean region. The Cyprus problem. The problems with Turkey's membership and the membership of the Former Yugoslavian republics in the EU. The connection between the Mediterranean sea and the Black sea.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The curriculum includes a lecture course that ends with a written paper on a given assignment. The written papers are evaluated according to the 6.0 grading scale, and a discussion on the given subject matter follows if it is necessary for the further clarification of the evaluation.

DOCUMENTATION AND ARCHIVES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

ECTS credits: 6.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of the exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Law and History, Department of History

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Mariyana Piskova, PhD

ANNOTATION:

The course gets the students familiar with the documents as a tool of communication and an object of archival backup. It reveals the beginning and the development of archival institutions and their social functions from the antiquity to the information society. The contemporary view is based on the study of the emergence of modern archival legislation and the French being the first to provide publicity for the archives and to introduce centralization

for the national archival system. Issues such as centralized and decentralized European archival models, European archival legislation, vocational education in archival science in Europe as well as the acts of cooperation between the archives and the activities of the international archival community and the International Council on Archives of UNESCO are covered in some separate thematic units as well as in comparison with one another. Special attention is paid to attempts to unify the rules for archival description according to an international standard as well as to the European standards for access to archives. In the context of the history of archives, the origin and development of the Bulgarian archives and the establishment of a national archival system is studied. Special attention is paid to the historical archives of the European Union being administered in a separate sector in the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, as well as to the Documentation Centre and the official documents of EU institutions.

COURSE CONTENTS:

The lecture topics are the following: Subject and aims of archival and documentation studies. Origin and historical development of documents. Social conditioning of the archives' origin and their functions in the region of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Ancient Greece and Rome. Typology and status of the archives (archival collections). Different types of documents and written materials. Typology of archives in Medieval Europe. Status and functions of the archives (archival collections). Different types of documents and media. Archives in modern time Europe.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The curriculum includes a lecture course that ends with a written paper on a given assignment. The written papers are evaluated according to the 6.0 grading scale, and a discussion on the given subject matter follows if it is necessary for the further clarification of the evaluation.

JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CIVIL JUSTICE MATTERS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

ECTS credits: 6.0

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of the exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Law and History, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Zhivko Draganov, PhD

ANNOTATION:

The course of Judicial cooperation in civil justice matters is essential for the professional training of the students of European Studies, who are supposed to acquire knowledge and skills about the construction of a new type of a legal system and be able to manage the changes that have taken place in the legal regulation sphere of public relations following Bulgaria's accession to the EU. The aim is for the students to be introduced to the emergence and development of the cooperation in civil justice matters in the EU, to the sources of secondary law in this area as well as to the synchronization of national legislation in the field of cooperation in civil law matters.

COURSE CONTENTS:

Origin and development of judicial cooperation in civil justice matters in the European Union. Legal regulation of civil justice matters. Main sources of the secondary law in the field of civil justice. Legal basis for recognition and enforcement of judgments in the EU. Legal aid and facilitating the access to justice in cross-border disputes. Serving documents. Co-operation between courts. Co-operation practices in obtaining evidence in cases of civil and

business nature. The European procedure in small claim cases. European payment order. Applying the law to contractual and non-contractual obligations. General framework for facilitating the judicial cooperation in civil matters.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The evaluation of students is done on the basis of a written examinations held in regular, supplementary and amendatory sessions. The assessment is made according to the 6.0 grading scale. The written exam includes two topic questions and a further discussion with the student. For the final evaluation of the student's performance, the presentation of a number of term papers, essays and abstracts is also taken in to consideration

EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

ECTS credits: 7.5

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: exam

Type of the exam: written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Law and History, Department of Public Law and Public Management

Lecturer: Prof. Dobrinka Chankova, PhD

ANNOTATION:

The need for thoroughly studying the problems concerning human rights and their protection is determined by the processes of legislative renewal acts and the development of legal practice in our country, the accession of Bulgaria as a member of the Council of Europe and the ratification of many international treaties concerning human rights. Particular attention is paid to the European Court of Human Rights as a supranational institution for protection of fundamental rights and freedoms. The course aims at providing the students with basic knowledge about the functioning of the European Court of Human Rights. The emphasis is laid on practical aspects of court activity and the effects of its decisions concerning internal law cases.

COURSE CONTENTS:

General aspects of the European Court of Human Rights constitution and functioning. Historical evolution of the idea of supranational protection of human rights. Establishment of the European Court of Human Rights. European Court of Human Rights proceedings concerning individual complaints. Announcing cases of inadmissibility by the Panel. Decisions of the Panel on admissibility and merits. The European Court of Human Rights. Practices of the European Court of Human Rights.

MODE OF TEACHING:

The evaluation of students is done on the basis of a written examinations held in the regular, supplementary and amendatory sessions. The assessment is made according to the 6.0 grading scale. The written exam includes two topic questions and a further discussion with the student. For the final evaluation of the student's performance, the presentation of a number of term papers, essays and abstracts is also taken in to consideration

**TERMINOLOGY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE – I
and II part**

ECTS credits: 6

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: Examination

Type of Examination: Written

ECTS credits: 6

Weekly credit hours: 2 lectures

Assessment form: Examination

Type of Examination: Written

Faculty and department providing the course: Faculty of Law and History, Department of International Law and International Relations

Lecturer: Chief Assist. Gergana Georgieva, PhD, Department of International Law and International Relations, Tel.: 073/ 886621, E-mail: georgieva@law.swu.bg

ANNOTATION:

The two-part course covers the specific “euro jargon”, which may often confuse the general public. The purpose of this course is to facilitate the understanding of the complex European language, with the help of discussions upon the most commonly used terms and abbreviations in a foreign language as well as examples of their use.

COURSE CONTENTS:

Multilingualism; Monolingualism; Absorption capacity, *acquis communautaire*, CAP, Cohesion, Comitology, Competencies, Convention, Copenhagen Criteria, EEA, EFTA, EUROPA, CFSP, IAEA, ERASMUS, European Integration, Europe 2020, Flexicurity, Non-paper, Intergovernmental, Mainstreaming, *Rendezvous clause*, Stakeholder, Subsidiarity, Summit, Transparency, Supranational, Unanimity

MODE OF TEACHING:

The instruction in Terminology of EU language - I and Part II is done mainly by means of specially selected texts, dictionaries, audio and video materials. The necessary language skills are formed using a variety of activities and exercises that require active participation by students. In accordance with contemporary trends in language learning, lessons conducted through multimedia devices and Internet training are offered to the students. The topics of the texts for translation and essays are in the field of foreign and internal policy of the country and world history, structure and policy of the EU and its institutions. The evaluation is performed by a written exam.