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The UE's Common Security and Defense Policy (Doble RRII/Der/Hist)
Guía docente 2023-24

PRESENTATION

Welcome to the European Union (EU) Common Security and Defence Policy course!

There is no better topic nowadays to help grasp the complexity, volatility and uncertainty of the international environment.

You will enjoy the active methodology, based on your participation!

The course fosters **critical thinking** and other **analytical competences**, providing basic and advanced concepts through preparatory **readings at home** to nurture informed discussions in class. Consequently, **you are required to read and understand** the assigned material ahead of the class, where it will be explained and discussed with a variety of exercises, debates and presentations.

The course is **even more relevant in 2024**, when the EU faces a myriad of direct and indirect security uncertainties. Competition amongst global powers, Russian's invasion on Ukraine,, hybrid threats, EU post-Brexit, role of NATO, EU southern and eastern flanks, the importance of other geopolitical regions... elicit different policy objectives from the 27 member states. We shall consider the balance between the fears, perceived, actual **threats, risks and challenges** to the EU member states and the **policy and strategic dynamics** therein.

We study the **institutions, treaties, legislation, decisions**, and the theoretical framework crucial to the formation of the European Union Common European Security and Defense Policy (CSDP). Thus, we analyse the panorama of European **policies**, the **national demands** according to their agendas (political, economical and strategic) and the **elements** supporting decisions and the conduct of activities within the CSDP.

The module also encompasses **industrial and financial** aspects that will provide you with a understanding of the relationships amongst Research, Technology, Development, Defence Capabilities and their associated financial elements.

Overall, YOU will develop an analytical perspective based on concepts, principles, theories, policies and strategies of the EU security and defence agenda within the changing international system.

To facilitate participation in class, **attendance is mandatory** and **no electronic devices** are allowed in class. Students with **25% unjustified absences (7 sessions)** will not pass the course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- **Character: Mandatory.**
- **Number of ECTS credits: 6.**



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- **Course:** Fourth course, second semester.
- **Teaching language:** English.
- **Title:** International Relations degree.
- **Module and subject:** EU Common Security and Defense Policy.
- **Professor:** Pedro Vázquez de Prada Palencia.
- **Schedule and Location:**
 - Thursday 15.30-17.30h Room 4. Facultad de Comunicación
 - Friday 10-12 Room 2. Facultad de Comunicación

COMPETENCES

PROGRAM COURSE 2023-2024

Introduction. European Identity.

- Essential Concepts.
- European Identity.

European Union Risks, Threats, and Challenges.

- Approaches from EU and Member Nations.
- Formulation of Risks, Threats, and Challenges.

Strategy formulation process.

- Elements of strategy formulation.
- Interests to National Security.
- Strategy Formulation Logic.

Security and Defence in an EU country: Spain's approach to security and defence.

- Spain's Foreign Action Strategy 2021-2024.
- Spain's National Security Strategy 2021.

EU Security and Defence architecture from the EU *acquis communautaire*.

- Treaty on the European Union.
- Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.
- Responsibilities of EU institutions, bodies, organizations.
- EU policies.
- Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and CSDP.
- EU CSDP Strategic Decision-Making Process



Evolution of EU STRATEGIES.

- External: EU Security Strategy 2003,
- EU Global Strategy 2016.
- Internal strategies. EU Security Union Strategy 2020.
- Strategic Compass 2022.
- EU Security Union Strategy 2020.

Evolution of the EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

- Institutions and other contributors to EU CSDP.
- EU Crisis Response Mechanisms.

EU Defence Multilateralism.

- Dynamics of EU and NATO cooperation.
- Dynamics of EU and the UN cooperation.
- Cooperation with allies and partners.

Defence Industry and Capability Development.

- Capabilities & Armament Policy.
- Areas of development
- European Defence Action Plan.
- European Defence Technological Industrial Base.

EU Initiatives on capability development.

- Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO).
- Coordinated Annual Review of Defence (CARD).

EU CSDP bodies, agencies and funds

- European Peace Facility.
- European Defence Fund.
- European External Action Service.
- Military Organisation and the EU Military Staff (EUMS).
- European Defence Agency (EDA).

EU CSDP Mechanisms, missions and operations.

- Military CSDP Missions and operations
- Civilian CSDP missions.



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- Civilian CSDP Compact.

Cooperation CSDP and other policies.

- Area of Freedom, Security and Justice
- Security,, Defence, Justice and Home Affairs cooperation.
- Agencies: EUROPOL, EUROJUST.
- Security and Defence and Development nexus.
- Africa and the Mediterranean.
- Coordination with ex

EU Strategic Autonomy

- Approaches and implications.

Future of the CSDP.

- Future of the Decision-Making Processes & Relationships.
- Policy Areas to integrate.

ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS

EVALUACIÓN

CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA

CONVOCATORIA EXTRAORDINARIA

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BIBLIOGRAFÍA