PRESENTATION

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

EU LIGHTHOUSE.png

There is no better area nowadays to help comprehend 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 through a variety of exercises, presentations, and debates.

The course is **even more relevant in 2024,** when the EU faces a myriad of direct and indirect security uncertainties: the competition amongst global powers; the Russian invasion on Ukraine; conflicts on Gaza, Yemen, and others; the function of NATO; the instability of EU´s southern and eastern flanks; or the growing importance of other geopolitical regions... elicit different policy objectives from the EU member states. We consider the balance between the perceived and actual **threats, risks and challenges** to the EU and the subsequent **policy and strategic dynamics.**

We study the **institutions, treaties, legislation, decisions**, and the theoretical framework crucial to the formation of the European Union Common European Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). Thus, we analyse the panorama of European **polices**, the

national demands according to their agendas (political, economic, and strategic), the **elements** supporting decisions, and the conduct of activities within the CSDP.

The module also encompasses **industrial and financial** aspects that provide you with an understanding of the relationships amongst Research, Technology, Development, Defence Capabilities, and their associated financial elements. And we deliberate about the EU's Strategic Autonomy and the future of the EU CSDP.

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

To facilitate participation in class, **attendance is mandatory.** Students with **25% unjustified absences (6 sessions)** will **NOT** pass the course.

PLEASE, remember that NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES are allowed in class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- **Character: Mandatory.**
- **Number of ECTS credits**: 6.
- **Course**: Fourth course, second semester.
- **Teaching language**: English.
- **Title**: International Relations degree.
- **Module and subject**: EU Common Security and Defence Policy.
- **Professor:** Pedro Vázquez de Prada Palencia.
- **Schedule and Location:**
  - **Thursday 17.30-19.30. Classroom 11. AMIGOS.**
  - **Friday 10:00-12:00. Classroom 09. FCOM.**

COMPETENCES

PROGRAM COURSE 2023-2024

Introduction.

- Methodology.

- Essential Concepts.

- European Identity.

European Union's risks, threats, and challenges.

- Definitions and Implications.

- Approaches from the EU and its Member Nations.

- Formulation of Risks, Threats, and Challenges.

Strategy formulation Logic and Concepts.

- Elements of strategy formulation.

- Concept of Interests to National Security.

- Strategy Formulation Logic.

Perspective from 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 communitaire.

- EU strategic Culture

- 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.

- EU Security Union Strategy 2020.

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- Strategic Compass 2022.

Evolution of the EU CSDP.

- Other CSDP contributors.
- EU Crisis Response Mechanisms.

EU Defence Multilateralism.

- EU and NATO cooperation.
- EU and UN cooperation.
- Other international organizations.
- 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.
- European Defence Agency (EDA).
- Military Organisations and the EU Military Staff (EUMS).

EU CSDP mechanisms, missions, and operations.

- CSDP Mandate.
- Military CSDP Missions and operations.
- Civilian CSDP missions.
- Civilian CSDP Compact.

Cooperation between CSDP and other policies and actors.

- Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

- Security, Defence, Justice and Home Affairs cooperation.

- EU Agencies: EUROPOL, EUROJUST.

- Security, Defence and Development nexus.

- Africa and the Mediterranean.

- Coordination with external actors.

EU Strategic Autonomy.

- Approaches

- Implications

Future of the CSDP.

- Future of the Decision-Making Processes & Relationships.

- Areas to integrate

ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS

GRADING SYSTEM.

Attendance is mandatory. Students with 6 or more absences will fail the course. The Chairperson will do the daily roll call.

EU CSDP 2024 Grading System in May:

ACTIVITIES IN CLASS: 50 % from the following concepts:

* Strategic Study of a EU Country: 10% (presentation: 7%; video: 3%).

* Debates: 10%

* Chairperson of the session: 10% (preparation: 5%; execution: 5%).

* Rest of participation (Study and Presentation of missions and capabilities, fallacies, feed-back, participation): 20%

ESSAYS: 10 %.

SHORT EXAMS: 10%

FINAL EXAM: 30 % (It needs to be passed)

EU CSDP 2024 in JUNE:

Students need to present an essay and pass an **exam** like the final one.

Grading system:

- **ESSAY: 40%**

- **EXAM: 60 % (It needs to be passed)**

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BIBLIOGRAFÍA