

European Studies Munich and Vienna

The European Union
Challenges, Crises, and Solution Approaches

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Foreword

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite international students to the European Studies Summer School organised by the Munich International Summer University (MISU) at LMU Munich.

The European Studies Program takes place under the patronage of the Chair of Political Systems and European Integration at Ludwig- Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich).

The European Union is the most prominent example of regional cooperation. Both historical lessons and today's global challenges spur European states to prefer cooperation over unilateral policy-making. Starting out as a peace project resting primarily on economic cooperation, the EU has developed into a supranational polity that does not fit neatly into the categories of a 'state' or an 'international organisation'. European integration resulted in ever expanding EU authority, the 'Europeanization' of national political and economic systems as well as increased foreign security policy cooperation.

The Summer School will begin by examining the history and evolution of the EU, from its origins as the European Coal and Steel Community to its current form as a 27-member union. We will then delve into the various institutions and decision-making processes that make up the EU, including the European Commission, European Parliament, and Council of the European Union. We will also explore some of the key challenges facing the EU, including issues of democratic legitimacy, migration and security, and economic governance. We will examine how these challenges have led to innovations in EU governance, such as the creation of new institutions like the European Stability Mechanism and the emergence of new policy areas like digital governance.

By the end of this course, students will have a solid understanding of EU governance, its challenges, and the innovations that are shaping its future.

The Munich International Summer University is based on an interdisciplinary approach. It combines different methodologies such as lectures, group-work and students' written assignments.

We are looking forward to meeting you in the summer in Munich.

Academic Hosts

Prof. Dr. Klaus Goetz,

LMU Munich, Chair of Political Systems and European Integration

One core interest of the Chair is the process of Europeanization of the political system of Germany and the role of Germany within Europe. Another focus relates to integration and migration in the European states as well as the relationship of politics, state and religion in Europe. Finally, neo-institutional perspectives on parliaments are part of the research.



Dr. Radu-Mihai Triculescu

LMU Munich

Radu-Mihai Triculescu is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Chair of Political Systems and European Integration at LMU Munich, working on the ERC Advanced Grant SYNCPOL - Synchronized Politics: Multiple Times and Political Power. He studied International Affairs and Political Science at Florida State University, and earned an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in International Migration and Social Cohesion from the University of Amsterdam, Deusto University, and University of Osnabruck.

In 2021, Radu earned his PhD at the University of Twente in the Netherlands, where he researched the multi-level implementation of asylum policies in the European Union. Through his work, he analyzed how bureaucracies and administrative agencies in EU Member States interpret and implement the rules and norms of the Common European Asylum System.

Radu-Mihai Triculescu's research attempts to understand how national differences impact policy harmonization across different jurisdictions. Aside from academia, he has also spent time working as an Associate Policy Analyst at the Migration Policy Institute – Europe, where he worked on projects relating to return and reintegration, asylum, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on migrant inclusion.



General course content

The EU in Times of Crisis

The sessions in Munich will center on the historical trajectory as well as current developments in the European Union and on how theory-guided empirical research by EU scholars is discussing issues such as culture and identity politics, increasing euroscepticism, the refugee crises, international relations and future challenges for the European project.



**Academic instructor, MISU European Studies Program
Lecturer in Munich**

Moritz Goldfuß, LMU Munich

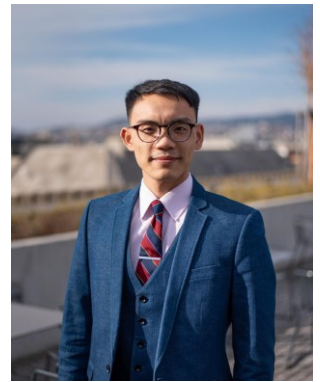
Moritz Goldfuß graduated from Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich with degrees in Political Science and Law (2022) and Sinology (2023). He has also studied abroad at National Taiwan University (Taipei) and Hubei University of Technology (Wuhan). He is currently pursuing an MPhil in Political and Economic Sociology at the University of Cambridge.

While at LMU, Moritz specialized in the politics and law of the European Union and the United Nations, Security Studies, and Political Theory. He has worked at the Chair for Political Theory and at the Chair for International Relations at the Geschwister-Scholl Institute for Political Science of LMU, and at Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation in Albania, among others. His current research interests particularly involve nationalism and national identity, the politics and history of the People's Republic of China, and international politics, particularly in East Asia.



Cooperation Partner and Lecturer in Vienna

**Doctoral School
of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations
Central European University Private University**



Lecturer: Mr Vincent F. Mo

Vincent Mo is doctoral student at the Doctoral School of Political Science at the Central European University and is supervised by Prof. Michael Merlingen. Mr Mo did his Bachelor degree in Government & International Studies at Hong Kong Baptist University. Afterwards he studied International Relations in the Master program of Central European University. Vincent Mo is interested in Regional integration and EU governance, diplomacy and geopolitics as well as international development.

General course content – the EU in the 21st century

The sessions in Vienna focuses on multilateralism and international relations as well as the policy-making system in the EU.

Vincent Mo has specialized on the European Union and its foreign political stance and international relations. Together with the summer academy participants he will discuss the EU's role in international affairs and analyse the European cooperation in the context of globalization.

Course Schedule

EU Studies

(please see the schedule in detail on our website)

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European Studies Vienna – Munich

Application deadline: May 1 (March 1 early bird)

Arrival: August 3, 2025 (in Munich)

Course: August 4 - August 28, 2025

Vienna: August 22 / 23, 2025

Departure: August 29, 2025 (from Munich)

Course Requirements

General course requirements

The Academic Board of the MISU defines the requirements and contact hours (1 contact hour comprises 45 minutes) for successful completion of the courses as follows:

- regular attendance (six contact hours max. absence)
- preparation for and active participation in seminars
- attendance and contribution to lectures
- participation in and contribution to class excursions
- self-study and homework assignments
- Presentations in class
- written assignment: essay of 3500 words sent by mail; deadline will be 30 September 2025

Literature

All participants receive introduction literature by email in advance. During the course, students will get online access to research papers and articles. Lecturers will upload relevant research papers and distribute a link to course participants for downloading relevant teaching material. Please make sure that you bring an electronic device in order to be able to download these resources. For a general introduction to the European Union we recommend the following volumes that comprise short chapters on the history, the Member States, institutions and policies of the European Union.

Jones, E., Menon, A. and Weatherhill, S. (eds.) (2012): *The Oxford Handbook of the European Union*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Lelieveldt, H. and Princen, S. (eds.) (2015): *The Politics of the European Union*, 2nd edition, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Wallace, H., Pollack, M. and Young, A. (eds.) (2015): *Policy-making in the European Union*, 7th edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Student Profile

Target group

The LMU Munich's Online European Studies Program is open for students...

...who have an interest in the *European Union* as well as European history and culture

...who have different academic backgrounds and cultural interests

...who are looking for an *interdisciplinary learning environment*

...who are in their B.A. and M.A. and would like to engage in *peer-learning*

...who are awarded with *6 ECTS credits* for their performance

...who have read this information and follow this link:

www.european-study.eu

Achievements

Former participants have evaluated this program very positively and stressed the following benefits:

- profound introduction to the European Union through academic excellence
- immersion into the European and the German culture in particular
- intercultural and interdisciplinary exchange with fellow course participants
- consideration to apply for a Master Program in Europe

Credits

Based on the number of contact hours, the overall program can be considered “intensive. To be awarded credits from home colleges/universities for this course, MISU recommends successful students to petition their faculty for the following:

Course contact hours:

Contact Hours: 60

Credits: 6 ECTS credits

Class Time:

Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. + Extracurricular Activities

European Credit Transfer system (ECTS) and ECTS Credits

The ECTS was developed in order to provide common procedures that may guarantee academic recognition for studies abroad. ECTS credits are based on the workload students need in order to achieve expected learning outcomes. The ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) is a standard for comparing the academic level and performance of students in Higher Education across the European Union.

Students will be awarded 1 ECTS credit for 30 hours of work, including attending classes, self-study, examinations and essays. The following chart provides grading information:

LMU Grade	Description	Grade ECTS	US	US	Percentage
1.0	excellent	A	A+	4,0	100 – 97
1.0	very good	A	A	3,9	96 – 93
1,3	very good	A	A-	3,7	92 – 90
1.7	good	B	B+	3,5	89 – 87
2.0		B	B	3,3	86 – 83
2.3		B	B-	3,0	82 – 80
2.7	satisfactory	C	C+	2,7	79 – 77
3.0		C	C	2,3	76 – 73
3.3		D	C-	2,0	72 – 70
3.7	sufficient	E	D+	1,3	69 – 67
4.0		E	D	1,0	66 – 60
> 4.0	insufficient	F	E	0,0	59 – 0
NG	not graded	F		0,0	0

Grading

Grading Scale

Grades are defined from the Academic Board of the LMU in Munich according to its general grading system. The LMU differentiates 6 levels (from 1 to 6), which cover everything from introductory course work to original research. This course is offered for students having successfully completed levels 2 and 3.

Level	Description
1	Introductory course with intensive supervision; no course prerequisites; generally first year courses
2	Introductory course, independent study techniques included; no specific course prerequisites; generally second year courses
3	For advanced students, course prerequisites: successful completion of level 1 or 2; examinations test the students' ability to apply knowledge and insights to new problems; generally third year courses
4	Specialized course, course prerequisites: successful completion of level 2 or 3; extensive use of scientific articles; examination may include a small research project, an oral report or written work. This is a third year Bachelor's or first year Master's level course
5	Scientifically oriented course; course prerequisites: successful completion of level 3 or 4; use of scientific advanced literature. This is a Master's level course
6	Very advanced scientific course; latest scientific developments included; examinations consist of a contribution to an unsolved problem with an oral presentation; Master's or PhD level course

Grading Procedure

The grading sections in the program are broken down as follows:

Essay (3.500 words) = 55 % (Essay deadline is September 30, 2024)
Group presentation = 25 %
Active participation in class = 20 %

Transcripts

Every student will receive an official transcript after the successful completion of all program requirements. The transcript will show the course name and contact hours, the number of acquired credits as well as the achieved grades.

Costs

Registration Fee

€ 100.00 early bird

€ 200.00 regular

Please send us the registration fee after you receive your registration confirmation by email. Only with the payment of registration fee will you secure a place in the program and accommodation.

Tuition fee

The € 900.00 tuition fee includes the following:

- all lectures
- course reading material
- participation in all class excursions and extra-curricular activities
- transport by train from Munich to Vienna and return

Costs for housing, books and supplies, meals, public transport tickets are not included in the tuition or registration fee.

Housing fee

€ 520.00 Munich (August 3 -29)

€ 240.00 Vienna (August 21 – 24)

During the trip, the room in Munich does not have to be vacated. The rent is paid until the final departure date August 30th.

Accommodation will be offered in student residential halls (Munich: Single room with bathroom / Vienna: Double room with bathroom).

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation*:

Cancellation before the registration deadline:

The registration fee will not be refunded.

All other deposits will be fully refunded.

Cancellation after the registration deadline:

The registration fee will not be refunded.

If accommodation was booked, the rent will not be refunded or have to be paid.

Cancellation 4 weeks before commencement of the course:

The registration fee will not be refunded.

If accommodation was booked, the deposit for the rent will not be refunded and 50% of the tuition will not be refunded.

Cancellation 3 days before commencement of the course:

The registration fee will not be refunded.

If accommodation was booked, the deposit for the rent will not be refunded and 80% of the tuition will not be refunded.

Once the course has started, no refund will be granted.

Cancellation by MISU

All tuition and fees will be refunded.

* All bank charges are excluded from repayment.

Registration

Final application deadline:

Early bird **March 1, 2025**

Regular **May 1, 2025**

https://www.european-study.eu/en/content/es_registration_online

Please ask at the international office of your home university whether waivers are available and indicate your waiver eligibility in the online registration process.

Applicants will be informed soon after submitting their application whether or not they will be offered a spot in the program.

During the online application process the following supporting materials (pdf file) have to be uploaded:

Curriculum vitae (CV); Please use the Euro Pass format:

<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> if you do not have your own form.

Statement of motivation; Applicants should write a short statement of no more than one typed page in English as to why they wish to take part in the summer program.

We are interested in your academic life and your social and political interest. First of all - what do you expect from this course, the classes and the teachers.

Student ID in case of waiver application

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