Innovative blended learning combination of 5 online modules and a Summer School in Brussels and Vienna or an online Winter School

In this programme, you will get a comprehensive overview of the roles of each institution and learn a lot about external relations and a variety of public policy topics. I loved how many of the assignments were practical tasks rather than purely academic exercises. The summer school was definitely the highlight - its simulation game was great for negotiation and leadership skills. Attending lectures by EU officials in Brussels and Vienna was a fantastic way to learn about the current challenges faced by international organisations.

- Liam Forbes, Postgraduate Certificate alumnus (2022)
What can you study?

The inter-university summer school (5 ECTS) takes place in July and is organised in Brussels (week 1) and Vienna (week 2). Its Winter School counterpart takes place online in February. In this Postgraduate Certificate, students combine the Summer or Winter School with 5 online EU modules (3 compulsory and 2 electives) that focus on the topics below. For these online EU modules, students should envisage an average time commitment of 10-12 hours per week.

EU Modules (compulsory)
- HISTORY AND THEORIES OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION
  1st term, Sept - Dec, 4 ECTS
- EU INSTITUTIONS
  1st term, Sept - Dec, 4 ECTS
- EU DECISION-MAKING AND LAW
  2nd term, Feb - Apr, 4 ECTS

Electives (choose 2)
- EUROPEAN PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS
  2nd term, Feb - Apr, 4 ECTS
- EU FOREIGN AFFAIRS
  2nd term, Feb - Apr, 4 ECTS
- EU JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
  2nd term, Feb - Apr, 4 ECTS
- TERRORISM AND COUNTER-TERRORISM IN EUROPE
  2nd term, Feb - Apr, 4 ECTS

What does it cost?

For updated tuition fees and study costs please check our website.

The programme can grant a very limited amount of scholarships, taking the shape of a partial tuition fee reduction.

Who can apply?

To qualify for admission you need to have:
- a university degree equivalent to an Undergraduate degree in Social, Economic or Political Sciences, Business, Law and/or Contemporary History consisting of a programme of at least 180 ECTS, or relevant work experience
- proven proficiency in English

About our school

The Brussels School of Governance is an alliance between the Institute for European Studies of the VUB and Vesalius College. The degree for this Postgraduate certificate in EU Policy Making will be awarded by the VUB.

"a pioneer in developing on-line learning methods in European law and policy’..’an ideal setting for constant, intensive interactions across multiple cultural boundaries"

- Accreditation report by Flemish educational authorities

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