Gain a deeper understanding of the European Union through 5 online courses, combined with a Summer School in Brussels and Vienna or an online Winter School.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- 5 online courses covering the European integration process, the EU, its institutions, and policies (September-June)
- Intensive 2-week Summer School in Brussels and Vienna (July) or online Winter School (February) on EU Policy Making
- European studies certificate instructed by EU experts
- Flexibility as regards start date (July or September) and duration (1 or 2 years)
- Designed for full-time professionals or students with a daytime schedule
- Organised by a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

**YOUR BENEFITS**

- In-depth expertise on the functioning of the EU, its decision-making process and the roles of the various actors involved
- Insider knowledge on the focus theme of the Summer School (civil rights) or Winter School (digital rights and diplomacy)
- Flexible schedule with personalised approach - study at your own pace
- Close connections with other students and professors, a network that will help boost your career

"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 will you study?

To complete this Postgraduate Certificate in EU Policy Making, you have the choice to follow either our Summer School, which takes place in July and is organised in Brussels (week 1) and Vienna (week 2), or our Winter School, which takes place online in February (5 ECTS). In addition, the Postgraduate Certificate includes 5 online EU courses - 3 compulsory and 2 electives, as indicated below - which take place either in the first semester (September-January) or in the second semester (February-June) of the academic year (5 x 4 = 20 ECTS).

Compulsory courses

- HISTORY AND THEORIES OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION
  1st term, Sept - Jan
- EU INSTITUTIONS
  1st term, Sept - Jan
- EU DECISION-MAKING AND LAW
  2nd term, Feb - June

Elective courses (choose 2)

- EUROPEAN PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS
  2nd term, Feb - June
- EU FOREIGN AFFAIRS
  2nd term, Feb - June
- EU JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
  2nd term, Feb - June
- EU CLIMATE POLICY
  2nd term, Feb - June

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 Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and Vesalius College. The Postgraduate certificate in EU Policy Making will be awarded by the VUB.

Deadlines to apply

15 April - early July start
31 August - late September start

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- Accreditation report by Flemish educational authorities