



# European Studies + German Class

## Vienna – Prague - Munich

The European Union  
Challenges, Crises, and Solution Approaches

### SYLLABUS

July 21 – August 28, 2025  
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Tentative Schedule



# Foreword

Dear Sir or Madam,

we are pleased to welcome international students from many different countries and universities to the Munich International Summer University (MISU) in Germany.

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, round-table discussions, group-work and students' presentations along with excursions. In addition to the academy, we encourage you to engage in a vibrant international student life on the campus of LMU Munich during the summer of 2025.

# 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, Head of MISU EU Studies Programs

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**

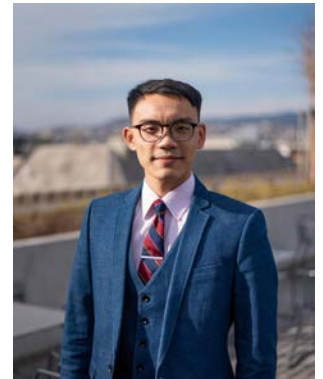
### **The EU in Times of Crisis**

We will have another two weeks of engaging with EU matters. The sessions in Munich will center on current developments in the European Union and on how theory-guided empirical research by EU scholars is discussing current issues such as Brexit, increasing euroscepticism, the Euro crisis, the migration crisis and plans for further integration.

## **Cooperation Partner and Lecturer in Vienna**

### **Senior 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 – Globalization and the EU**

The sessions in Vienna introduce students to the historical trajectory of the European integration process as well as the policy-making system in the EU. Further, the course analyses Europe's role as an international political and economic actor and its relations with different countries and regions of the world. 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.

## Cooperation Partner and Lecturer in Prague

### **Professor Dan Marek**

(Jean Monnet Lecturer in European Politics; Palacký University)

Dan Marek is Associate Professor of European Politics at the Department of Politics and European Studies, Palacký University, Czech Republic. He has studied at Palacký University (Czech Republic), University of Umea (Sweden), UCLA (USA) and Hull University (UK). He taught Central European and EU politics at universities in the Netherlands, the UK and USA.

His teaching and research interests include European Union politics, policies and Central European politics. He is a co-author of Cohesion Policy in the European Union (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014) and The Czech Republic and the European Union (Routledge, 2011) and co-editor of EU Cohesion Policy after Enlargement (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008) and The New Member States and the European Union: Foreign Policy and Europeanization (Routledge, 2013).

His other publications include articles on European and Czech politics in the Journal of Common Market Studies, Publius, the Journal of International Relations and Development, Perspectives on European Politics and Society and the Journal of Contemporary European Studies. He also worked as an advisor to the Czech government on the preparations for the Czech EU Presidency (2007-09).



# Course Schedule

## EU Studies + German Class

Please see the schedule in detail on our website

[www.european-study.eu](http://www.european-study.eu)

and

[www.ssk-misu.de](http://www.ssk-misu.de)

## European Studies Vienna – Munich - Prague

Application deadline: May 1 (March 1 early bird)

Arrival: July 20, (in Vienna)

Date:

Vienna: July 21 – 31, 2025

Prague: August 1 – 4, 2025

Munich: August 5 - 28, 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
- written assignments (exams, essay)

## 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*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 willing to *meet politicians*, diplomats and staff of the European Union

...who are awarded with *9 ECTS credits* for their performance

## Achievements

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

- profound introduction to the European Union through academic excellence
- seeing Europe from three different perspectives given the stay at three different cities
- immersion into the European and the German culture in particular
- intercultural and interdisciplinary exchange with fellow course participants
- consideration to return to Europe for a Master program



# Credits

Based on the number of contact hours, both course options can be considered “intensive” in comparison to courses taken at your college/university. Thus, it may be appropriate to award credits on a two- to-one course calculation. To be awarded credits from home colleges/universities for this course, MISU recommends successful students to petition their faculty for the following:

## **European Studies without Munich part; include German class)**

- Contact Hours: 50 (include field trips and extracurricular activities)
- Credits: 6
- German Class 6

## **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.

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# 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

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

## EU Studies

### Grading Procedure

On successful completion of the course students will receive a graded certificate and 6 ECTS credits .

25 % = active participation in class and soft skills

25 % = written exam (Vienna)

50 % = essay (3000 words; deadline 30 September)

## German Class

### Grading Procedure

On successful completion of the course students will receive a graded certificate and 6 ECTS credits. Therefore you have to meet the following course requirements :

- regular attendance (maximum absence: 12 lessons in total)
- homework
- active participation in class
- presentation of a study relevant topic (“Referat”)
- admission to and taking the written exam at the end of the course

Those who do not pass the exam and/or are absent for 13 lessons or more may still obtain a certificate of completion but without ECTS points and without grade.

### Transcripts

Every student will receive an official transcript of the LMU MISU 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

- € 400,00 Regular registration fee (€ 200 early bird by March 1)

Please send us the registration fee of € 400 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

Tuition includes the following:

- all lectures
- course reading material
- class excursions and extra-curricular activities (City tour, Neuschwanstein Castle, Concentration Camp Dachau Memorial Site)
- transport by train from Vienna to Prague and from Prague to Munich

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

## European Studies Intensive + German class

€ 1,550 Tuition

- 50 contact/class hours, 6 ECTS credits European Studies Course
- 80 contact/class hours, 6 ECTS credits German class

## Housing

We offer accommodation for the participants in student residential halls or hotels. Own booking of accommodation is possible.

- € 440 Vienna
- € 150 Prague
- € 520 Munich

# 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.

# Housing

## Vienna

In Vienna you'll stay in double rooms at SMARTments business Wien Hauptbahnhof. All rooms are equipped with shower, toilet, powerful Internet (WLAN und LAN), room telephone, refrigerator and kitchenette. You will be provided with bedding. This includes sheets for the mattress, blanket and pillow.

Location: close to the center, central station and Belvedere. Public transport: U1 subway , bus 13A and 69A, tram 18 and O

## Prague

For the trip to Prague, participants of the European Studies program are accommodated at the Orion Hotel. The hotel is located just 15 minutes from the historical center of the capital.

The hotel is located within a safe and quiet neighborhood.

Our participants will stay in shared apartments (double rooms) and breakfast is include. All rooms are equipped with shower, toilet, WLAN, microwave, refrigerator and water heater.

## Munich

Each student will be accommodated in their own room. Some of these rooms are single apartments, with their own kitchen and bathroom. Other rooms are in shared apartments with shared kitchen and shared bathrooms. The students are responsible for the cleanliness of the shared spaces by themselves. There will be no cleaning by the owner (Studentenwerk München).

The rooms are equipped with bedding (sheets and blankets) which can be washed at one of the laundry rooms in the building.

Kitchen utensils and towels will not be provided. We ask you to acquire these items according to your own personal needs.

During their stay, each student is responsible to clean their room by themselves.

Internet access is available via Ethernet (LAN) cable. The cable is not provided. Please bring your own.

Important Note:

The rooms are state-subsidized living spaces that are used by the Studentenwerk München (owner and administrator of the rooms) for all students alike. Due to the high demand for living space in Munich, we are pleased that the rooms from the contingent of universities are made available for MISU.

Please note that the rooms are tailored to students' needs and financial means. Therefore, please do not expect luxurious facilities.

# Registration

In the interest of maintaining the program's high standards, the number of participants will be limited to 20. Application is based on a 'first come first served' basis. Only with the payments are you securing your place in the program.

## **The online registration process starts on 1st of November 2023**

Application deadline: May 1 (early bird March 1)

Final tuition- and housing  
fee deadline: May 10th

Furthermore, we kindly ask you to prepare following information as PDF files for upload in advance:

Curriculum vitae (CV); you may 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.

Please follow this link to register:

[www.european-study.eu](http://www.european-study.eu)

# Contact

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