800604 VU The European Union

Instructor: Group 1
                         Group 2
Type/hours: VU 4
ECTS credits: 7,5
Period: Block
Mode of repetition: each semester
Language of instruction: English

Learning Outcome
Students will get a comprehensive overview of the structure and function of the European Union with focus on specific policy fields.

Contents
The online course in English ensures a compact overview of the structure, the central decision maker and the main policy fields of the European Union. Thus, the main fields of consideration are: history, basic theories, decision making / institutions, single market, external relations, environment, the area of freedom, security and justice, the foreign, security and defence policies, economic and monetary union, social and economic cohesion, enlargement, EU governance and public opinion.

Methods
Online course in English with weekly assignments (ten in total with respective questions), followed by an individual teacher feedback. Furthermore, there are two / three onsite meetings with the total group, which facilitate an exchange between students and teacher. Over the weeks a learning curve can be observed, which is also due to the direct feedback. An extensive final scientific work has to be delivered, which deepens the knowledge of the student in one specific policy field.

Assessment
Weekly assignments referring to a scientific text with respective questions and a final scientific paper of a current topic of the European Union

Literature
Please view "course catalogue", search for the course - look at "details":
https://lfuonline.uibk.ac.at/public/lfuonline_lv.home

Prerequisites
Advanced knowledge of scientific work is mandatory

Remarks
Ranking of registration

1. Incoming Students are preferred.
2. Students will be ranked according to semesters, higher ranked semesters are preferred.

3. In case the decision has to be made between two students with the same amount of semesters, the one with more ECTS is preferred
4. Online application during booking period

Start
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434450 Intercultural Communication (lecture)

Instructor:	Group 1
	Group 2
Course number:	Group 1 - 434450 (lecture 4 ECTS) and 434451 (seminar 3,5 ECTS)
	Group 2 – 800607 (lecture and seminar 7,5 ECTS)
Title:	Intercultural Communication
Type/hours:	VO 2 (lecture)
	PS – SE (seminar)
ECTS credits:	Group 1 - lecture 4 ECTS and seminar 3,5 ECTS
	Group 2 – lecture and seminar 7,5 ECTS
Period:	weekly
Mode of repetition:	each semester
Language of instruction:	English

Learning Outcome
Intercultural Communication is the management of messages for the purpose of creating meaning across cultures. Culture can be defined as "A socially constructed and historically transmitted pattern of symbols, meanings, apprentices, and rules." Or, as Hofstede expressed it, it is "The collective programming of the mind which distinguishes the members of one category of people from another". When Europeans communicate the follow patterns of communication programmed into them in various stages of their childhood and adult life. Ever seen a Chinese film? Then you will understand that expressions differ with the cultural background

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Methods
Finally, as a third part you will find assignments, tests and suggestions for projects which will enable you to use your intercultural skills in a proper context. This will ensure that the competences you develop are ready for use when you need them most. This course is an online course organised on e-campus with only few classes!

Assessment
Weekly written assignments, tests and suggestions for projects

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Prerequisites
Only for IWW students who have already completed their compulsory year abroad and International exchange students - English language knowledge at a very high level!!

Remarks
1st session is compulsory – very important;
Online course
Book online

Start:
first week of the semester
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434451 Intercultural Communication (seminar)

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	Group 2
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	Group 2 - 800607
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Type/hours:	VO 2 (lecture)
	PS – SE (seminar)
ECTS credits:	Group 1 - lecture 4 ECTS and seminar 3,5 ECTS
	Group 2 – lecture and seminar 7,5 ECTS
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Mode of repetition:	each semester
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