The Postgraduate Certificate in EU Policy-Making, equivalent to 25 ECTS, is a programme designed for graduates of all disciplines. Entirely taught in English, the one-year programme combines a face-to-face intensive Summer School in Brussels and Vienna with the flexibility of the online modules. The course merges key concepts of the EU with an in-depth analysis of the EU institutions and decision-making process.

- Five online EU-modules 20 ECTS
- Summer School on EU Policy-Making 5 ECTS

**The Programme**

The Postgraduate Certificate in EU Policy-Making is designed to provide a thorough understanding of the most important aspects of the EU integration process. It equips students with the ability to navigate EU information sources with ease, decipher EU documents and grasp the principles of EU Law. Characterised by its one of a kind status, the Postgraduate Certificate enables students to stand out in the competitive job market by broadening their EU knowledge.

**Target Group**

The programme is especially suitable for:

- students with a background in European studies, politics, history, law, economics, and other social sciences
- graduates and professionals
- PhD students
- EU practitioners who wish to broaden their knowledge of the EU

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THE INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

The Institute for European Studies (IES), a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in Brussels, offers an outstanding research-focused environment in the heart of Europe. Close to the main EU institutions, and in proximity to international organisations, the IES is ideally located for its field of expertise. The IES boasts excellent teaching facilities and a modern working space, right next to the amenities of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) Etterbeek campus.

PROGRAMME SETUP

The course consists of two components:

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The online modules can be studied at any time and from anywhere. The Summer School on EU Policy-making takes place in July – one week in Brussels and one week in Vienna. At the end of the study programme, the students sit a 3-hour examination in Brussels.

TEACHING METHOD

Numerous teaching methods will be used both in the face-to-face and online parts of the course. The EU-modules are interactive and offer a self-study and self-testing approach, while the Summer School offers face-to-face interaction with teaching staff and other participants. In addition to the lectures, participants will receive continuous academic support and study guidance.

TEACHING STAFF

The EU-modules teaching staff is a unique mixture of practitioners and top scholars in their field, including the IES Jean Monnet Chair who together combine academic excellence with the latest practical insights on EU policy-making.

SUMMER SCHOOL ON EUROPEAN POLICY-MAKING

The first week in Brussels at the IES emphasises the various decision-making actors and also looks at the implementation process at national level. Study visits are complemented by lectures from senior academics and high-level officials from Brussels-based European institutions. Lectures include:

- The EU treaties and their evolution
- The functioning of the European institutions including the European Parliament, the Commission, the Council and the European Court of Justice
- The European decision-making process
- Structural diplomacy
- Governance mechanisms & soft instruments of policy-making
- The EU and its lobby groups

The second week takes place in Vienna at the Diplomatic Academy, where a team of experts offer in-depth knowledge of European policy-making in various fields:

- Constitutional and legal issues
- European Foreign and Security Policy
- Monetary Policy

The Summer School concludes with two simulation exercises. Typically on the EU budget and in the field of foreign policy.

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There are five e-learning modules on European affairs:

- History and Theories of European Integration (3 ECTS)
- European Union Institutions (3 ECTS)
- European Union Law and Decision-making Process (3 ECTS)
- European Union Policies (6 ECTS)
- European Information Sources (5 ECTS)

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APPLICATION & TUITION FEE

To apply for the Postgraduate Certificate Programme please fill in our online application form. We offer our students three start dates per year. For more information about the next application date visit: www.ies.be/postgraduate/applications.

The tuition fee is divided into three categories and has been set at €2,350, €2,650 and €2,950. To find out more about each category visit: www.ies.be/postgraduate/tuition-fee.

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