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2. Aim of the course

The aim of the course is (a) to understand the foreign policy of the European Union and the political dynamics behind it, and (b) to be able to critically assess EU foreign policy. The course analyses the nature, history, institutional framework and policy-making practices of EU foreign policy and it evaluates the various facets of foreign policy. The course indeed applies a broad understanding of 'EU foreign policy', which encompasses the following facets: Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), external action (trade, development, enlargement, etc.) and the external dimension of internal policies (environment, energy, etc.). Particular attention is paid to the interaction between the EU and multilateral organizations.

3. Course material

- The lectures are the core of this course. Students are highly encouraged to attend the lectures.
- The course is based on a handbook, which is an obligatory reading: KEUKELEIRE S., DELREUX T. (2014), *The Foreign Policy of the European Union. 2nd edition*, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan. Students are recommended to buy the book:
 - in the bookshop 'service reprographie';
 - at all major online bookstores (e.g. Amazon).
- Free online updates for chapters 2 and 3 of the book can be downloaded here: <https://www.macmillanihe.com/companion/Keukeleire-And-Delreux-The-Foreign-Policy-Of-The-European-Union-2e/>

4. Exam

- The exam will be a written exam.
- The exam covers all the material discussed during the lectures and in the handbook (exceptions will be announced during the lectures and via the announcements on eSaintLouis).

5. Course schedule and readings

- 07/02
 - **Introduction & the nature of EU foreign policy**
Keukeleire & Delreux 2014: introduction & chapter 1
 - **Historical overview**
Keukeleire & Delreux 2014: chapter 2 + online update
- 14/02 **Actors and institutional framework**
Keukeleire & Delreux 2014: chapter 3 + online update
- 21/02 **Policy-making processes & financing**
Keukeleire & Delreux 2014: chapter 4
- 28/02
 - **Common Foreign and Security Policy**
Keukeleire & Delreux 2014: chapter 7
 - **Common Security and Defence Policy**
Keukeleire & Delreux 2014: chapter 8

5. 07/03 **External action**
Keukeleire & Delreux 2014: chapter 9
6. 14/03 **External dimension of internal policies: the case of environment & climate change**
Keukeleire & Delreux 2014: chapter 10
7. 21/03 **The EU and multilateral organizations**
Keukeleire & Delreux 2014: chapter 13