

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 35957**Name:** The business environment in the EU: policies and strategies**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies**ECTS Credits:** 4.5**Academic year:** 2026-27**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1315 - Degree in Finance and Accounting	Facultat d'Economia	2	Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1315 - Degree in Finance and Accounting	Year 2 optional subjects	ELECTIVES

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

The business environment in the EU: policies and strategies is a 4.5 ECTS credit optional training subject assigned to the module of the Degree in Finance and Accounting. It is taught in the second term of the second year of that degree.

This subject aims to provide basic socio-economic knowledge about the organisation and functioning of the European Union. These aspects are part of the environment in which companies and organisations operate, so that their knowledge is of high interest for the exercise of the professional activity that this Degree authorises.

Regarding the contents of the subject, it begins with a study of the theoretical bases and the historical evolution of the European integration process; it is followed by an analysis of the external dimension and public finances of the EU, and ends with a study of the main community interventions in the markets.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE**RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.



OTHER REQUIREMENTS

It does not have any kind of restriction.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

1315 - Degree in Finance and Accounting

Adquisición de competencias transferibles directamente a la vida laboral especialmente en el ámbito de las políticas europeas de apoyo a la Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación.

Adquisición de conocimientos socioeconómicos básicos del entorno europeo en el que se va a desenvolver la actividad profesional del estudiante y de las empresas en las que puede desarrollarla.

Construir y utilizar herramientas de diagnóstico, planificación, intervención y/o evaluación en la gestión de hombres y mujeres en la empresa desde una perspectiva de equidad de género.

Interpretar y definir el empleo y la empresa como realidades sociales atravesadas por la dimensión de género.

Reforzamiento de conocimientos técnicos básicos adquiridos en los módulos básicos, especialmente en los relativos a teoría económica, estadística y política económica.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Evolution and institutional organization of the European Union

1. The great stages of the European integration process and the international context
2. The Community legal order
3. Community institutions

2. The Single European Market

1. Various types of economic integration and experiences in the world
2. Static and dynamic effects of the Customs Union
3. The Single Market, defense of competition and competitiveness policies

3. The European Monetary Union



1. Benefits and costs of a monetary union
2. The European Central Bank and the single currency
3. Economic policy coordination

4. The public finances of the European Union

1. Public intervention in a context with multiple levels of government
2. The general EU budget: expenditure and revenue
3. The Multiannual Financial Framework

5. The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

1. Origin and functioning of the traditional CAP
2. Efficiency and costs of the traditional CAP
3. The reforms and the current CAP

6. Regional and cohesion policy

1. Regional disparities in the EU
2. Community regional policy: principles and operation
3. Evaluation of results and challenges for the future

7. The external dimension of the European Union

1. The importance of the EU in the global context
2. The EU's external trade policy
3. The policy of cooperation for development

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES



Activity	Hours
Theory	30,00
Classroom practices	15,00
Total hours	45,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	8,00
Independent study and work	24,00
Preparation of lessons	10,00
Preparation for assessment activities	20,00
Resolution of case studies	5,00
Total hours	67,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The development of the subject is structured mainly around the theoretical sessions and practical sessions. Depending on the type of session (theoretical or practical) a didactic or other method will be chosen. In the theoretical sessions, which last 2 hours, the main contents of each of the subjects that form the subject will be presented, introducing the concepts and contextualising them to the different fields of application of the socioeconomic environment.

The predominant teaching method in the theoretical classes will be the participatory master class. This methodology makes it possible to manage large groups of students in an organised manner, offering the advantages of a master class without limiting the participation of students and the teacher-student interaction. Attempt to encourage participation and discussion in the class, in order to offer the student a direct involvement with the content.

In the practical sessions, which last 1 hour, the teacher will propose to the students situations that they must solve by applying the theoretical concepts learned. These practical classes will be developed following different teaching strategies based on the contents discussed in the corresponding theoretical session, although fundamentally they will be based on the analysis of current economic problems of the European and international environment, using appropriate materials in this regard. Its objective is to complement the concepts studied in the theoretical session by applying these to the resolution of practical cases. Likewise, in the practical sessions the professor will be able to propose one or several activities to be solved by the students that will cover the different topics of the subject, with the purpose that the student acquires the competences enumerated in this academic guide.

EVALUATION

The evaluation of the students' learning in this subject will be done through a double process: a written exam at the end of the term, which evaluates the level of scope of the learning results and especially those focused on the specific competences of the subject regarding content and application; and the continuous evaluation of the practical activities developed by the student during the course, based on their participation and involvement in the teaching-learning process.



The written exam will consist of a part of test type questions and another with some essay questions, questions that allow assessing if students have assimilated the key elements of the program. This exam will be 70% of the final grade.

The evaluation of the practical activities will be carried out continuously with the evaluation of exercises, works, memories, oral presentations, etc. This evaluation aims to develop the skills of students and stimulate daily work and will be based on an assessment of the follow-up made by students of the subject through participation in the classes. Will collectively 30% of the final grade. The activities linked to continuous evaluation will be non-recoverable.

The final grade will be the weighted sum of the evaluation of the written exam and the continuous evaluation of the practical activities. In any case, to pass the subject the student will need to obtain a minimum, which will be indicated in class by the teacher, in the written exam.

Students who do not participate in the continuous assessment may be evaluated in the exam and obtain a final grade of 7. In order to pass the subject, they must have obtained a minimum of 5 out of 7 points in said test.

According to article 11.g of Law 3/2022, of February 24th, on university coexistence, regarding ChatGPT, it shall be considered a very serious offense to fully or partially plagiarize a work, or engage in academic fraud in the preparation of any assignment or activity requested of the students. Academic fraud shall be understood as any deliberate behavior aimed at falsifying the results of an exam or assignment, whether it is one's own or someone else's (including the improper use of artificial intelligence such as ChatGPT), carried out as a requirement to pass a subject or demonstrate academic performance.

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