

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: HOW THE EUROPEAN UNION WORKS  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **4005POLIT** (114643)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4  
**Credit Value:** 12.00  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 25.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120  
**Private Study:** 95

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12.000
Seminar	10.000
Tutorial	2.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	(unseen)	50.0	1.00
Essay	AS2	1,000 word essay.	50.0	

### Aims

*To introduce the key institutions and processes of the European Union.  
To provide an overview of the development of the EC/EU since 1958.  
To consider contemporary issues and challenges.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Describe the functions and operation of the principal EU institutions.
- 2 Use the concepts of 'deepening' and 'widening' to examine key events and issues affecting the development of the EU.
- 3 Identify and discuss major contemporary issues and assess their significance for the future of the EU.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

EXAM	1	2
Essay	3	

## Outline Syllabus

*Overview: developments since 1958.*

*Widening the EU: the four phases of enlargement. Prospects for further enlargement.*

*Deepening the EU: policy integration from the Customs Union to the European Security and Defence Policy.*

*EU institutions and decision-making processes.*

*The status of EU law and the issue of sovereignty.*

## Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars, tutorials to support coursework preparation.

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Bomberg, E.E.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2003
<b>Title</b>	The European Union: How does it work?
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford:OUP
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Nugent, N.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2006
<b>Title</b>	The Government and Politics of the European Union
<b>Subtitle</b>	

<b>Edition</b>	6th edition
<b>Publisher</b>	Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Peterson, J. & Shackleton, M.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2006
<b>Title</b>	The Institutions of the European Union
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford: OUP
<b>ISBN</b>	

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### Notes

Utilising the concepts of deepening and widening, the module provides an introduction to the institutions and policy processes of the EU. There is an emphasis upon contemporary issues and events.