

☑ **ST-202, general information**

**Course code:** ST-202

**Course name:** The European Union - Institutions and Politics

**Date:** 11.05.2017

**Duration:** 09.00 - 14.00

**Resources allowed:** The use of bilingual dictionaries is allowed.

**Notes:**

This CLOSED-BOOK EXAM consists of three parts:

- I. 10 multiple choice questions (10% of final grade)
- II. 4 short and focused questions (40% of final grade)
- III. 1 essay (50% of final grade)

Please read the instructions carefully!

ALL answers should be given in English, with the only exception of the essay question (part III), which may be answered in Norwegian.

Good luck!

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The professors sometimes ask for exam answers to be used for teaching purposes, but in order for this to take place, the university needs your consent.

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**Select one alternative**

- Yes
- No

1 **ST-202, II. Short question/short answer**

**Answer briefly, but in full sentences FOUR of the following five questions!**

- 1) How important was the Marshall Plan to the post-war recovery of Europe?
- 2) How far can we still think of the EU as an international organization, and how far has it developed the features of a state?
- 3) Why was the Maastricht Treaty more controversial than the Single European Act, and why was it so central to the backlash against integration?
- 4) What are the costs and benefits of differentiated integration?
- 5) How do realism and idealism compare when it comes to explaining the global role of the EU?

**Fill in your answer here**

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## 2 ST 202, I. Multiple choice

**PLEASE NOTE: Only ONE alternative is correct.**

1. When was the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community (Treaty of Rome) signed?

**Select one or more alternatives**

- 25 March 1948
- 25 March 1954
- 25 March 1957
- 25 March 1960

2. Who were the original parties signing the Treaty of Rome?

**Select one or more alternatives**

- Belgium, France, Italy, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, West Germany
- Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, West Germany
- Belgium, France, Italy, Luxemburg, the United Kingdom, West Germany
- Belgium, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, the United Kingdom

3. What is the name of an EU law that is general, directly applicable and binding?

**Select one or more alternatives**

- Regulation
- Decision
- Directive
- Recommendation

4. Which theoretical approach has introduced the concept of 'spill-over'?

**Select one or more alternatives**

- Liberal Intergovernmentalism
- Neo-functionalism
- Governance
- Social constructivism

5. Qualified Majority Voting (QMV) is the voting system of

**Select one or more alternatives**

- The European Court of Justice
- The European Parliament
- The European Council
- The Council of the EU

6. Which article from which treaty allows a European Union member state to withdraw from the Union?

**Select one or more alternatives**

- Article 10 of the Maastricht Treaty
- Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty
- Article 8 of the Treaty of Rome
- Article 27.3 of the Lisbon Treaty

7. Who is the current president of the European Commission?

**Select one or more alternatives**

- J.M. Baosso
- M. Schulz
- D. Tusk
- J.-C- Juncker

8. Which of these is NOT a power of the European Commission?

**Select one or more alternatives**

- Developing and making proposals for new EU laws and policies
- Overseeing the implementation of laws and policies in member states
- Passing the EU budget
- Representing the EU in international trade negotiations

9. How is 'enhanced cooperation' best understood?

**Select one or more alternatives**

- It describes the efforts made by the EU states to collectively improve the quality of their policy cooperation
- States wishing to proceed more rapidly on cooperation within a particular policy area may do so within the EU legal framework without treaty changes
- The idea that quality is better than quantity in the field of regional integration
- The idea that elites could pursue their own plans for integration in the face of widespread lack of public interest

10. Which of the following was NOT a key goal of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)?

**Select one or more alternatives:**

- To ensure reasonable prices for consumers
- To increase agricultural activity
- To stabilize markets
- To reduce state management of agriculture

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### 3 ST 202, III. Essay question

Answer in full sentences ONE of the following three essay questions.

1) Could the refugee crisis break up the European Union? Discuss.

2) According to Zimmermann and Dür (2016) there exists a fierce debate among European legal scholars on whether the European Court of Justice (ECJ) engages in wilful judicial activism and thereby violates the prerogatives of elected representatives. In your opinion, is the ECJ too powerful? Why?

3) Is there a democratic deficit inside the European Union? If so, how does the EU cope with it – if at all? Discuss.

Fill in your answer here

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