

Current Economic Issues of the European Union

The current Euro crisis is only the most prominent of several economic key issues facing the European Union in this period. Other important topics are energy policy, trade policy, labor market reforms and others. In this course first the fundamentals of the European Union will be discussed. This includes an overview of its history and development, an analysis of its goals and key competencies as a country group as well as a review of its most important institutions and their function.

Based on these fundamentals current economic issues will be analyzed. The Euro crisis will be an important part of this, but also other topics will be covered as well.

This is an introductory course in European economics especially suitable for students with basic knowledge in general economics.

Assessment: 75% attendance minimum, written exam

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