European Public Policy

Institution: University of York

Year: Year 2

Course type: Track specific course

ECTS: 10

Brief description (including learning outcomes):

The aim of this course is to analyse the institutional set-up, the policy-making processes and the main policies of the European Union. The first part of the course examines the main institutions and policy-making processes of the EU; the 'old' theories of European integration and the 'new' theories of EU governance with a focus on recent literature related to the post-crisis period. The second part of the course examines key issues which are part of the new European Commission policy priorities including the single market, the economic and monetary union, energy, climate change and environmental policy

Learning objectives include:

- (a) To explain the political and legal dynamics of European integration and of the specificities of the institutional order it has generated;
- (b) To offer substantial insights into practice of policy-making in the EU system;
- (c) To analyse some of the main policies of the EU;
- (d) To evaluate the challenges posed to the political and institutional system of the EU by recent crises:
- (e) To improve the clarity and organisation of both written and oral expression, and to familiarise participants with the use of official EU sources

Academic and graduate skills include:

Seminars will develop graduate skills in working effectively with groups and communicating ideas clearly orally and in writing; private study will develop academic skills in using a full range of learning resources and working independently; assessment will develop skills in working autonomously and competently to utilize knowledge in an innovative way.