Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2017-2018

The Foreign Policy of Belgium (K000828)

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

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<td>6.0</td>
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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2017-2018

A (semester 1) lecture 45.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2017-2018

Biscop, Sven PS03 lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2017-2018

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Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Belgium – diplomatic history – diplomacy – foreign policy

Position of the course
This course aims at providing for a thorough case study analysis in foreign policy decision making; in casu the foreign policy of Belgium and its federated entities. Moreover, it aims at preparing students interested in a diplomatic career with key knowledge for the diplomatic Concours.
Relation with the education competences: M.1.2., M.1.3, M.2.1, M.3.1, M.3.2, M.3.3, M.5.1, M.5.2, M.6.2

Contents
This course examines a number of key aspects of Belgian foreign policy along two dimensions. The long term dimension will make it possible to detect the continuities but also the discontinuities, as well as the actors and the interests behind the foreign policy of Belgium. The contemporary dimension will highlight the current policies and study future options.
Both dimensions will be present in the study of: the commercial diplomacy, the security policies, the European and African policy, the organisation of Belgian diplomacy, etc.
Time will equally be devoted to the study of the recent evolution of diplomatic practices. Belgian diplomats and officials both from the federal ministry of foreign affairs and the regional and community governments will be invited to dwell in more detail upon relevant themes.
Students, who wish to pursue a diplomatic career, will thus have the opportunity to get acquainted with the reality of diplomatic work.

Initial competences
Good knowledge of Belgian political history is desirable.

Final competences
In-depth knowledge and insight in foreign policy decision making, in particular in the foreign policy processes in Belgium.

Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

(Approved)
Conditions for exam contract
Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods
Excursion, lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods
The students are invited to engage actively

Learning materials and price
Rik Coolsaet, België en zijn buitenlandse politiek 1830-2015.
Leuven, Van Halewyck, 2014 (herziene en aangevulde editie)
Ca. 35€.

References
WITTE, E., CRAEYBECKX, J., MEYNEN, A., Politieke geschiedenis van België van
1830 tot heden. Antwerpen, Standaard, 1997
Studia Diplomatica (Egmont Instituut), the bi-annual special editions on foreign policy in
Belgium.

Course content-related study coaching
Jennifer Kesteleyn

Evaluation methods
day-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
Oral examination, assignment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
Oral examination, assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods
PE: Oral exam without written preparation.
NPE: Paper of 2000 words on an assigned topic. (not for students NP/EU)

Calculation of the examination mark
80% oral exam, 20% paper (IP)
100% oral (NP + EU)