

Brussels-Lux Study Tour 2022
Post-Secondary Faculty Course Module Planning Template

Name:		Course Title/Module Title:	
		Discipline:	
Course/Module Narrative:	This module focuses on the allocation and distribution of sovereign power among member states under the Articles of Confederation, the U.S. Constitution, and the EU founding treaties.		
Course Objectives:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Introduction to principles and the political process of national, state, and local government: Emphasis on national government and the Constitution → Upon completion of this class, students will be able to do the following: → 1. distinguish among the roles of the three branches of the U.S. Government in law making → 2. describe fundamental rights given to the people under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights → 3. analyze the roles of the media and citizens in achieving good government in this country 			
Module Objectives/Learning Objectives:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → By the end of this module students will be able to: → Identify how the Articles of Confederation, the U.S. Constitution and the EU founding documents allocate decision making power → Explain the pros and cons of the different government arrangements provided by the referenced founding documents 			
Assigned Readings			
<p>Articles of Confederation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → U.S. Constitution → The European Union: Questions and Answers prepared by the Congressional Research Service as a primer for legislators seeking info about the EU and the Transatlantic Relationship. Updated February 8, 2022. → A European Republic of Sovereign States: Sovereignty, republicanism and the European Union Richard Bellamy European University Institute June 2016 European Journal of Political Theory 16(2)DOI:10.1177/1474885116654389 			
Content & Delivery			
<p>Prior Course Content relevant to this lesson plan:</p> <p>Many hours of lectures concerning the Articles of Confederation emphasizing federalism, the U.S. Constitution emphasizing checks and balances and separation of powers including discussion of representative government in Federalist papers 10 and 51 and EU founding treaties which reflect underlying political theory of agreement between the representatives of</p>		<p>Instruction & Delivery specific to the EU: Lecture on the EU organizational structure and underlying theory of governance by consensus.</p>	

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states and of citizens in bodies that themselves generally operate by broad consensus.	
Assessment	
→ Group work: Groups will prepare their recommendations for a government structure that will be both responsive to constituencies and able to accomplish adopted missions according to a rubric that will be provided. They will have to specify the sources of their ideas thus demonstrating understanding of the political theories underlying the various founding documents.	
Resources and Materials	
→ The Constitution, the Articles, and Federalism: https://youtu.be/bO7FQsCcbD8 → Is a Federal EU like the United States inevitable? https://youtu.be/HnarX3HPruA	