

Workshop

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Essay: Students should write an essay of a maximum of 2000 words (6 sides of A4 paper) in answer to **ONE** of the questions shown below. *Essays should be properly and fully referenced, and include a full bibliography.* They should be word-processed.

PLEASE NOTE: Essays that are more than 10 per cent above or below the word limit will be penalised through the deduction of marks, as will essays that are not properly or fully referenced or do not include a full bibliography. (In text references count towards the word limit. Your list of references and sources used at the end of your essay does not count towards the word limit.)

ESSAYS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO JOHN WILTON BY EMAIL TO jitaly25@hotmail.com OR THROUGH THE MASARYK UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SYSTEM BY 13.05.2025.

PLEASE NOTE: ESSAYS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN MSWORD OR PDF FORMAT

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COURSE ASSESSMENT : *Essay Questions*:(maximum 2000 words/6 sides of A4 paper):
Submit an essay in answer to *one* of the questions below. The essay must be of a maximum of 2,000 words, fully correctly referenced, and include a full bibliography.

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- (i) Identify the benefits and problems arising from the processes of agenda-setting and policy implementation at the beginning and end of the European Union public policy cycle? Provide examples from E.U. public policy areas to illustrate your analysis.
- (ii) To what extent can European Union public policy be characterised as *Europeanised*? Provide evidence and examples drawn from E.U. public policy areas to support your assessment.
- (iii) What are the benefits and problems within the E.U. public policy process in respect of the principles of harmonisation, mutual recognition and convergence? Use examples from one or more public policy areas to illustrate your analysis.

(PLEASE NOTE: For your 'public policy' area examples the Common Agricultural Policy, Security and Defence Policy, and Economic policy concerning the EU budget ARE NOT public policy areas. You should check carefully that your chosen policy area constitutes 'public policy', as if it does not you will not receive the required grade to pass the course.) If necessary check with John Wilton by email.

Structure of Essay Answers

Analyse the question – ‘content words’, ‘process words’

Structure of your essay/answer – in what order, and how will you address the question (brief in introduction)

Theories and Arguments – theories, models and arguments you will employ to analyse, critically assess, evaluate, compare and contrast

Content and evidence – examples, in terms of information or details you use in order to sustain or challenge the various theories and arguments you have employed in analysis of the question

Conclusion – your summary of the various points and arguments/theories of explanation, and your critical evaluation/assessment/comparison of them based on that