

ERM201 European Regional Policy

- Semester: Second
- Type: Compulsory
- Instructor: George Petrakos and Ioannis Saratsis
- ECTS Credits: 6

The goal of this course is to provide an in-depth and critical description of the design, rationale, funding, and impact of the European Regional Policy, which aims to reduce economic, social, and territorial inequalities among the EU regions and promote development, job creation, competitiveness, and sustainable development.

Assessment

Students are evaluated using the following methods:

- (a) a written final exam in English (maximum grade: 10)
- (b) an individual assignment presentation at the end of the semester and an oral examination of the students (maximum grade: 10).

Participation in the exams is mandatory, and the final grade is calculated using the following formula: final exam grade * 50% + assignment grade * 50%.

Explicitly defined assessment criteria are accessible to students in the regulations of the Joint Postgraduate Program (Article 15).

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