



EU Politics and Policies
Spring Semester

Assessment 1: Position Paper

Weighting: 70%

Date and method of submission: week 15.

Word count or equivalent: 2000 words (+/-10%)

Assessment 4: Position Paper

- ▶ Writing a position paper.
 - ▶ Please write your student ID number in the first page.
 - ▶ Submission mode: NEO LMS online access. Only submissions made via the specified mode will be accepted and hard copies or any other digital form of submissions (like via email or pen drive etc.) will not be accepted.
 - ▶ For coursework, the submission word limit is 2000 words (+/-10%). You must comply with the word count guidelines. Tables, diagrams, bibliography, appendices, annex and headings are NOT included within word count calculations. You must specify total word count on the front page of your paper.
 - ▶ For coursework, please use font size 12 for body text and the typeface (font) should be Arial or Times New Roman with minimum 1.5 spacing.
 - ▶ For headers and titles, please use font size 14. Your submission must have standard margins and page numbers.
 - ▶ Please use English (UK) as your language in the submission.
 - ▶ You are required to use only Harvard Referencing System in your submission. Any content which is already published by other author(s) and is not referenced will be considered as a case of plagiarism.
 - ▶ You should include a completed copy of the Assignment Cover sheet.
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ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

The aim of this assessment is to assess students awareness of of the EU policies and politics. Through a Position Paper, students will demonstrates their knowledge and understanding of various EU policies and politics as well as the skills of the construction of an argument.

In order to complete this assessment, students first need to choose a topic depending on your own interest from the list of topics below. Students are free to select topics that are not on a list. However, these should be agreed on with instructor. In your Position Paper, you have to defend your position.

1. The European Union Has Been a Huge Success.
2. The European Union will Collapse.
3. The Lisbon Treaty makes the European Union (EU) more democratic, more transparent and more efficient.
4. Does Europe need a common immigration policy?
5. Further EU enlargement is the best way forward
6. The European Court of justice is unlike any national court.
7. Citizenship of the EU is no more than a symbolic gesture.

The Position Papers should be structured into the following parts:

1. *Introduction*
 - a. Identification of an issue
 - b. Statement of the position (specifically, ask yourself whether you agree or disagree with the chosen question listed below in the list of topics at the outset)
2. *Body of the text*
 - a. Background information
 - b. Supporting evidence and arguments
 - c. Discussion of both sides of the issue
3. *Conclusion*
 - a. Summary of main concepts and ideas
 - b. Reinforcing the statement of the position