

# The Fall of an Empire or the Rise of Europe? (EDUC) \*

## Infos pratiques

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- > Nombre d'heures : 20.0
- > Langue(s) d'enseignement : Anglais
- > Période de l'année : Enseignement neuvième semestre
- > Méthodes d'enseignement : A distance
- > Ouvert aux étudiants en échange : Oui
- > Composante : Service des relations internat et des étudiants étrangers, Université Paris Nanterre (UPN)
- > Code ELP : 4DUC0024
- > En savoir plus : Lien vers le catalogue de cours EDUC pour candidater <https://courses.educalliance.eu/>

## Présentation

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## Évaluation

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Écrit ou oral

Contrôle continu, pas de dérogatoire

## Pré-requis nécessaires

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Niveau de langue B2 de l'activité