

The European Union in the World

This course will explore the changing role of the European Union (EU) on the global stage. Although many of the individual countries of Europe have at various point in history played leading roles in world affairs (political, military or trade and economics) the two world wars effectively diminished the influence of most of Europe's countries as individual actors. However, the development of the European Economic Community and today's European Union has served to return Europe as a whole to the global stage in a leading role. Although no longer colonial powers, the combined member states of the EU today make up the largest market in the world and have demonstrated their capacity to impact the world through diplomacy, strategic bargaining and even the projection of military force. This course will examine the evolution of the EU's global influence through an analysis of several key areas of influence, including the EU Neighborhood Policy, the development of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) / Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) as well as EU initiatives in humanitarian and economic assistance. The course will consist of lectures, guest lectures, visits to international institutions (as possible). Grades will be based on attendance/participation, three in-class exams and a final take-home essay exam (final exam). Professor Kreppel will teach the sections on the European institutions through the first exam and Professor Selden will teach the remainder of the course. The objective of the course is to familiarize the student with the institutions that are responsible for the external action of the EU, the relations between the EU and its major partners and the scale and scope of the the EU's involvement in global affairs.

Student assignments will include:

Regular attendance & participation (10%): There are only 23 class periods, including 6 double periods on Thursdays). Each student is allowed one unexcused **class period** absence (Thursdays will count for two because of the double period). Each additional unexcused absence will result in 5 points being deducted from the student's final grade (100 point scale). Students are required to engage in classroom discussions and be active participants in all class activities to receive full credit for participation, simple attendance is not sufficient.

In-class exams (20% each, 60% total): There will be two in class essay/short answer exams, one every four weeks (Wednesdays – June 7th and July 7th).

Final Exam – take home essay (30%): Students will be provided with set essay topics (some choice among topics *may* be provided) and will be expected to write two (2) essays of approximately 1,000 words (roughly 4-5 pages) each. **These essays must be typed.** Students will receive the essay topics on the last day of class after they turn in the last of the three in class exams. Ample citations from in class reading and other sources (including news papers and other electronic journals etc) should be used. More details on the take home final exam will be provided in class.

Academic Integrity

Incidents of plagiarism and cheating will be dealt with severely. Any incident of cheating on an exam will result in zero credit for that exam. A documented incident of plagiarism will result in a grade of "D" if the plagiarism extends to no more than a few sentences. More extensive plagiarism will result in a grade of "F" for that assignment.

Current Issues in the Development of the European Union

Introduction I: The Historical Context (Kreppel)

May 30th & 31st

- Introductions and discussion of course expectations and requirements.
- Review of European and EU history in the 20th century.

READINGS:

1. Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borraran, European Union Politics (3rd Edition), Oxford University Press, 2010. Part 1-all (Chapters 2-4 pp. 13-68).
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Introduction II: The Institutions & their Interactions (Kreppel)

June 2nd (double session)

- Introduction to the EU political system in comparative context.
- Survey of core institutions: The executive branch (European Council, FAC in Council (of Ministers) and the Commission).

June 6th

- Survey of core institutions continued: The legislative branch (European Parliament and Council (of Ministers)) and Judiciary (European Court of Justice).

June 7th

- **In-Class Exam**

June 9th (double session)

- **Visit to the European Council (confirmed)**

READINGS:

1. Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borraran, European Union Politics (3rd Edition), Oxford University Press, 2010. Part 3 (Chapters 8-11 pp. 123-188).
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The Common Foreign and Security Policy (Selden)

June 13th & 14th

- Introduction to European Security
- CFSP and ESDP- History Institutions and Implementation

June 16th (double session)

- The Impact of Lisbon on the EU's Global Presence.
- **Visit to the European Parliament (confirmed)**

READINGS

1. *International Relations and the European Union*, Chapter 4 and 5 (pp. 75-127)
2. Haine, Jean-Yves, "An Historical Perspective," Chapter 1, *EU Security and Defence Policy: The First Five Years*, N. Gnesotto (ed.) Paris: Institute for Security Studies, 2004.

CFSP in Theory and Practice (Selden)

June 20th

- EU Security Operations.

June 21st

- The Transatlantic Dimension: NATO and NATO-EU Relations.

June 23rd (double session)

- **Visit to NATO (confirmed)**

READINGS:

1. Christopher Hill and Michael Smith, *International Relations and the European Union* (second edition) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011) Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. 3-43)
 2. Zachary Selden "Power is Always in Fashion: State-Centric Realism and the European Security and Defence Policy" *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 2010 Vol. 48, No. 2. pp. 397-416.
 3. Jolyon Howorth "The EU as Global Actor: Grand Strategy for a Global Grand Bargain?" *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 2010 Vol. 48, No.3. pp. 455-474.
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The EU as a "Soft Power" (Selden)

June 27th

- Economic power and trade

June 28th

- Humanitarian and developmental aid
- **Guest Lecture Paul Turner European External Action Service (confirmed)**

June 30th (double session)

- **Visit to the European Commission (confirmed)**
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READINGS:

1. *International Relations and the European Union*, Chapters 12-14 (pp. 275-348)
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The Internal Dimension of External Security Issues (Selden)

July 4th

- Terrorism
- Migration

July 5th

- Transnational Crime

July 7th (double session)

- Enlargement and neighborhood policy.
- **In-Class Exam**

READINGS:

1. *International Relations and the European Union*, Chapter 10 (pp. 226-245).
2. Charles Grant “A New Neighbourhood Policy for the EU,” Centre for European Reform Policy Brief, March 2011 (http://www.cer.org.uk/pdf/pb_grant_neighbourhood_11march11.pdf)
3. Hugo Brady, “Intelligence, Emergencies and Foreign Policy: The EU’s Role in Counter-Terrorism,” Centre for European Reform 2009 (http://www.cer.org.uk/pdf/essay_912.pdf)