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The European Union: History, Institutions, Policies

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Note: this course is an integral part of two special tracks sponsored by the EU Center:
“Atlantis”, dedicated to the triangular relationship between the EU, the US and Latin America, and “Mare Nostrum”, on Mediterranean studies.

Content

This course is intended to provide an understanding of the European Union’s most significant historical stages, from the formation of the Westphalian state system to World War I and II. Concepts of nation-making and identity will be considered in depth, in the background of the developments of the successive transformations of European integration, from the European Community of Coal and Steel to the current European Union. Lectures and discussions will then deal with the EU governmental treaties, its institutions (Council, Parliament, Commission, Court, and others), its most important economic and social policies, the functioning of political parties, elections, and the role of public opinion.

The course will also examine social problems and controversial issues will also be studied, within a changing continental and worldwide context having significant economic, political and policy implications. The increasing volume of internal and transnational interactions have brought about a slew of alarming tendencies, such as unemployment, violence, discrimination and terrorism. These have fueled public debates on issues ranging from identity and belonging to immigration and asylum policies. Awareness and recognition of these problems is an integral part of a comprehensive understanding of the workings and complexity of the European Union.

Among current topics receiving special attention will be the consequences of Brexit, the new relationship with the United States after the election of President Trump, the Euro crisis, the refugee conflict, the development of a common foreign and security policy as a sign of autonomous collective identity, and an introduction to comparative analysis of world-wide regional integration, in such areas as Asia and Latin America.
Requirements:

(1) **Two mini-papers.** 20% each (total 40%). 600-700 words.

General question for Paper I: “What is the European Union? History, development and today’s relevance”

Answer this question with a brief introductory statement about the relevance of an aspect of the EU today. Then base your narration of the essay on the impact and/or contributions of one institution, leader, or treaty, or reviewing a period of its history. Scope fitting the themes of units 1-9 of McCormick’s book.
Length: 600-700 words
Deadline: Tuesday, October 3, at 9am

**Mini Paper II:** Options of topics and scope (chapters 10-17)
- Summarize the structure and functions of one EU institution (Chapters 10-14)
- Compare two institutions and their roles and activities
- Comment on one topic of chapters 15-17 (elections, parties, public opinion)
- Submit Mini Paper 2: November 7

Structure of papers: Title (innovative), introduction-lead (Wh-), main corpus, conclusion.
Sources: a minimum of 5 (balance of books, academic articles, think tank papers, EU official documents, and at least one press report of recent publication –1-2 months)
Format: any, but consistent
Documentation: complete data: author (complete last name and first name, or name of institution), title, date (complete), pages, and electronic link if accessed through internet
Language: impeccable spelling, composition subject to editing by colleagues or Writing Center. Ask yourself this question: Would I send this to the NY Times/Financial Times or good think tank, for consideration and publication?
Sending: by email to my address: jroy@miami.edu Single space, copy and paste main body of essay-file, attach file.

(2) **Final scholarly paper 40%**
- Select one current topic of EU policy action as treated in chapters 18-25
- Set the historical context (as in chapters 1-9)
- Mention the institution or agencies involved (chs. 10-17)
- Use format and requirements as in the minipapers.
- Use 10 sources
- Length: 1,000-1,200 words

(3) Two short oral reports (5% each), based on paper I, II, and final.
(4) Class participation (10%)

**Basic Text:**
http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/?k=9781137453389&loc=us
Materials: http://www.palgrave.com/companion/Mccormick-European-Union-Politics/

Text was ordered to Book Store.

Other texts produced by the EU Center available free of charge. Additional readings available on Blackboard

VIA VITALSOURCE: http://www.coursesmart.com/
http://www.amazon.com/European-Union-Politics-Palgrave-Foundations/dp/1137453389/ref=sr_1_7?ie=UTF8&qid=1435328297&sr=8-7&keywords=mccormick+european+union+politics&pebp=1435328300436&perid=1NM7ETRMPERHJ7GQ21ZM

Basic introduction to the EU: http://www.euintheus.org/resources-learning/eu-guide-for-americans/

Selected additional recommended books

Do not check any of these books from Library. They should be on reserve, for Room Only consultation


Primary documentary resource

Jean Monnet Chair-European Union Center
www.miami.edu/eucenter
Tentative Content and Schedule

Tuesday, August 22
Introduction. Requirements. Panorama of the European Union

Part 1 History and Ideas

Thursday, August 24
Chapter 1 Understanding Integration

Tuesday, August 29
2 What is the European Union?

Thursday, August 31
3 Who are the Europeans?

Tuesday, September 5
4 Organizing Postwar Europe

Thursday, September 7: Class cancelled
Tuesday, September 12: class cancelled
Thursday, September 14: class cancelled
Tuesday, September 19: class cancelled
Thursday, September 21: class cancelled

Tuesday, September 26
**Special session:** update and current developments

Thursday, September 28
5. The European Economic Community
6. From Single Market to European Union
7. To the Euro Crisis and Beyond

Tuesday, October 3

8. The Treaties

9. The Member States

Thursday, October 5
Review Part I

Part 2: Politics and Governance
Tuesday, October 10

Submit Paper 1
10. The European Commission

Thursday, October 12: class (Fall Recess restored)

11. The Councils

Tuesday, October 17

12. The European Parliament

Thursday, October 19

13. The European Court of Justice

Tuesday, October 24

14. Specialized Agencies
   Tentative: Book presentation: Markus Thiel, Director, Jean Monnet Center, Florida International University, 'European Civil Society & Human Rights Advocacy' (University of Pennsylvania Press)
   http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/15722.html,

Thursday, October 26

15. Parties and Interest Groups

Tuesday, October 31

16. Elections and Referendums

Thursday, November 2

17. Public Opinion

Review Part 2

Part 3 Policies
Submit Mini Paper 2

Tuesday, November 7

18. Public Policy in the EU
Thursday, November 9
19. Economic Policy

Tuesday, November 14
20. Inside the Euro Zone

Thursday, November 16
21. Cohesion Policy

Tuesday, November 21 and Thursday 23: no class (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, November 28
22. Managing Resources

Thursday, November 30
23. Justice and Home Affairs

Tuesday, December 5
24. The EU as a Global Actor

Thursday, December 7
25. The EU and the World

Tuesday, December 12

**Review of all parts**

Thursday, December 14

Reports

Tuesday, December 19

Final paper due
Individual interviews

Documentation

EU Center edited volumes (selection)

http://www6.miami.edu/eucenter/books/fifty%20years%20front.jpg


EU Treaties

**Research resources**

A must:
European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair- University of Miami

[www.as.miami.edu/eucenter](http://www.as.miami.edu/eucenter)

http://www.as.miami.edu/eucenter/about/research/
http://www.as.miami.edu/eucenter/about/research/centers/
http://www.as.miami.edu/eucenter/observatories/

Note extremely useful to consult specific entries in the website of the EU Center. Go to:
[www.as.miami.edu/eucenter](http://www.as.miami.edu/eucenter)
[http://www.as.miami.edu/eucenter/about/research/](http://www.as.miami.edu/eucenter/about/research/)
Go to about Center, resources, publications, documents
[http://www.as.miami.edu/media/college-of-arts-and-sciences/content-assets/euc/docs/euwebpapchap_links_20160208.pdf](http://www.as.miami.edu/media/college-of-arts-and-sciences/content-assets/euc/docs/euwebpapchap_links_20160208.pdf)

Do a search (Control F), type a word, region, country, etc.; that would take you to the first article, or chapter on the topic. Click on the link: Normally, it would take you to the right source. Some entries may have errors, but the list should be accurate.

Newletters, EU news

Euroactive
[http://www.euractiv.com/cgi-bin/cgint.exe?1&1000=1&tmpl=index](http://www.euractiv.com/cgi-bin/cgint.exe?1&1000=1&tmpl=index)

Euroobserver

News Agencies, Newspapers and Magazines

Agence France Press
[http://www.afp.com](http://www.afp.com)

The Economist

EFE Spanish News Agency

El País (Madrid)
http://www.elpais.es/

Europe Today
http://europetodayonline.com/

Europe’s World
http://www.europesworld.org/

Financial Times
http://www.ft.com/

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (English Edition)
http://www.faz.com

Grupo Diarios de América
http://www.gda.com/

Il Corriere della Sera (Italy)
http://www.corriere.it/

La Vanguardia (Barcelona, Spain)
www.vanguardia.es

The Guardian (UK)
http://www.guardianunlimited.co.uk/

La Repubblica (Italy)
http://www.repubblica.it/

Le Monde (France)
http://www.lemonde.fr/

Publico (Lisbon)
www.publico.pt

Websites for Papers and Other Links (selection –see EU Center web and McCormick)

ARENA Working Papers
http://www.arena.uio.no/publications/

The European Policy Center- “Constitutional Library”

Columbia International Affairs Online
http://wwwcc.columbia.edu/sec/dlc/ciao/

Economic and Social Research Council
http://www.one-europe.ac.uk

European Integration Online Papers. (EioP)
http://eiop.or.at/eiop/

European Research Papers Archive
http://eiop.or.at/erpa/

European University Institute
http://www.iue.it/PUB/Welcome.html

Max Planck Institute for the Studies of Societies
http://www.mpi-fg-koeln.mpg.de/pu/discpapers_en.html

The European Union – a Bibliography. Memorial University
http://www.mun.ca/ceu/eu-bib.html