INS 591 HX

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Notes:
• This course is scheduled to be offered Fall 2011, 2012, 2013.
• This course is designed as the core offering for a specialization on EU studies. It is recommended to be followed by either INS 592 “The EU in the World” or its more specialized alternative on the EU-Latin American Relations. Completion of the series will earn a certificate/letter of certification in EU studies awarded by the Jean Monnet Chair

Content

Born from the devastation of World War II, the European Union has become one of the most complex and effective international organizations and the most developed of the inter-state cooperation and integration systems in history. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, it has had a historic opportunity to obliterate the remaining dividing lines and make Europe “whole and free.” In the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the EU has gone through various processes, such as the most important enlargement of its
history, institutional reform and the task of drafting a Constitutional Treaty, while searching for a place in the world as a collective entity and through some of its most leading state actors.

The processes of European integration, governance and politics have been the object of extensive study and theory proposals. The dual tasks of deepening and widening have presented the European Union with daunting challenges that put its governing ability to the test. Even when it aims to assume pan-European parameters, the Union must address age-old issues such as extreme European diversity, nationalism, racism and inequality that have persisted in the age of globalization.

This course is intended to provide understanding of the European Union’s most significant historical stages, its government treaties, its institutions and most important policies, as well as controversial issues. The focus will be on the content, development, and reform of the institutions and the evolution of the common policies. These have been adapted over the years to reflect the consistent evolution of the institution within a changing European context. The need for reform was recognized even before the prospect of enlargement loomed large, since policy development and implementation involve a complex interplay of factors such as domestic politics and institutional dynamics.

The course will also examine social problems within the European Union that have significant political and policy implications. The increasing volume of transnational and transborder interactions have brought about a slew of alarming tendencies, such as violence and discrimination. 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.

The course will end with sessions dedicated to the development of a common foreign and security policy as a sign of autonomous collective identity. A final session will be dedicated to the pressing current issues dominated by the debate on the constitutional process.

Requirements:

(1) Two mini-papers (800-1,000 words, 20% each of the final grade) based on a subtopic of a cluster of units (1-6; 7-11). These mini-papers should be informative and critical, reflecting (in notes) a minimum of seven sources, one from each of these categories: (1) chapters of basic textbooks, (2) chapters from advanced/recommended books or a scholarly article (journals, monographs), (3) a reference to web or brochure materials, (4) a think tank analytical piece, (5) a news item as anchor of current awareness and relevancy, (6) reference to one paper produced by the EU Center (www.miami.edu/eucenter, under “publications”); if not available, substitute for a second source from 1, 2, or 4; and (7) reference with precise information to a guest lecture given on the topic (when feasible and available; if not, substitute for 1, 2, 4, 6). At least one source has to be in a language other than English. Subject to precise instructions, papers have to be submitted by email to all members of the class and the instructor by 9am the days prescribed.
(2) Final scholarly paper, or special project (optional, to be discussed individually), 40%. The final paper has to show evidence of creative research. It has to contain references to a double number of sources used in the mini-papers (a minimum of 14). Length: 3,000-4,000 words. Any consistent style of documentation/notes

(3) Two objective test (“Proficiency on the EU”, like a “Driver’s License”) on basic aspects of the EU. These tests will be administered in two parts, one before midterm, and one during the last week or final exam date (to be determined); 10% each (total 20%).

Basic Text:


Other texts (on reserve)


Special source: Treaty of Lisbon

Tentative Class Schedule

To be inserted
Mid term Test I (units 1-6)
Date due for paper #1
Date due for paper#
Second test (units 7-11)
Date due for final paper

Monday, August 29
Unit 1: Regional integration, Europeans, Post WW-II and the European Union.
Basic readings: McCormick #1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Subtopics:

- “What is a ‘nation’?” “What is a state?
- “How states cooperate or integrate: the model of the EU”
- “What theories of the EU are most useful today?”
- “Can you make sense of these names: Europe, European Union, Council of Europe’?”
- Why war was the reason for the foundation of the EU?”
- “What is Europe?”
- “Is there anything that can be called ‘European identity’”?  

Other alternative resources: Bomberg Ch. 1; McCormick-west 1; Ginsberg 2

Monday, September 5: no class (Labor Day)

Monday, September 12
Unit 2: Consolidating the EU
Basic Readings: McCormick 6, 7, 8, 9
Subtopics:

- “The role of leaders in the foundation and development of the EU?”
- “Why the constant change of name of the entity known today as the EU?”
- “Role of enlargements”
- “How the EU is run?”

Basic Sources: Bomberg, Ch 2; McCormick-west 2, 3; Ginsberg 1, 2, 3

Monday, September 19
Unit 3: The European Council, Council of Ministers, COREPER
Basic reading: McCormick 11

Subtopics:

- “Who is the President of “Europe”?
- “How is he/she elected/appointed”?
- “Who will you call in case you want to deal with European ‘power’?”
- “How can you become a member of the Council of Ministers?”
- “How does the Council vote?”
- “Who represents the EU member states in Brussels?”

Sources: Bomberg, Ch. 3; McCormick-west 6, 9; Ginsberg 5
Guest speaker: TBA

Monday, September 26
Unit 4: The European Commission
Basic reading: McCormick 10

Subtopics:

- “What interest of the EU Commission defends?”
- “Who heads the EU Commission? Qualifications. Term?”
• “Who names the president? Is he/she elected?”
• “Is the President of the Commission a ‘General Secretary of the EU’?”
• “How many members of the Commission?” How are they named?
Sources: Bomberg, Ch. 3; McCormick-wesr 5; Ginsberg 5
Guest speaker: TBA

Monday, October 3
Unit 5: The Parliament
Basic reading: McCormick 12

Subtopics:
  • “How can you become an EU Parliament Member?”
  • “How many members does the EU Parliament have and how are they distributed?”
  • “How is the President of the EU Parliament chosen?” Term?”
  • “What or who does the EU represent?”
  • “How does the co-decision power work?”
Additional readings: Bomberg 3; McCormick 7, 8; Ginsberg 5
Guest speaker: TBA

Monday, October 10
Unit 6: the Court of Justice and the legal system
Basic reading: McCormick 13

Subtopics:
  • “Is the EU Court a supreme court?”
  • “Who can be appointed to the EU Court?
  • “Types of “laws” in the EU”
  • “How has the EU Court “created” the EU”?
  • “Crucial cases.”
Sources: McCormick 8; Ginsberg 3; Bomberg 3
Guest speaker: TBA

Monday, October 17
Unit 7: Parties, elections, interests, internal politics
Basic reading: McCormick 15, 16, 17

  • Additional topics:
  • “European elections”
  • “National political parties”
  • National referendums”
  • “Public opinion”
Monday October 24
Unit 8: Public policy, resources, policies
Basic Readings: McCormick 18, 21, 22
Additional topics:
- Agenda setting
- Multi speed integration
- Spillover

Monday, October 31
Unit 9: The economy and the euro
Basic Reading: McCormick 19, 20
- Additional topics:
  - “What does the ‘single’ market mean?”
  - “What selected competences of the EU have been more important?”
  - “Which policies are of the exclusive domain of the EU? Which are “shared”?"
  - “How is new legislation of the main policies approved?”
  - “How was the euro developed and what has been its impact?”
Other sources: Bomberg, Ch. 6; McCormick 4, 11, 13, 14; Ginsberg 6

Monday, November 7
Unit 10: Internal Policies (Pillar III): Justice and Home affairs
Basic reading: McCormick 23
Subtopics:
- “What does European citizenship mean?”
- “What are the rights of the EU citizens?”
- “Who decides on the control of borders?”
Other sources: Bomberg, Ch. 7; Ginsberg 6; McCormick-west, 11-15

Monday, November 14.
Topic 11: The EU as global actor
Basic Reading: McCormick 24
Additional Subtopics:
- Security and defence policy
- Trade policy
- “What is the role of High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy?”
- “What will the EU External Service be?”
- “How many tanks does the EU have?”
Aditional Sources: Bomberg, Ch. 10; McCormick 15-16; Ginsberg 7, 9;
Guest Speaker: TBA
Monday November 21
Unit 12: The EU in the world
Basic Reading: McCormick 25
Additional subtopics:
- “How does the model of the EU for regional integration work or not work?”
- “How does the EU deal with the less developed world: the ACP and Latin America?”
- “What is the shape of the EU-US relations?”
- “The Neighborhood”
- “Why the latest 2004-07 enlargement?”
- “Why has Turkey been a ‘candidate’ for so long?”
- “What are the mechanisms of the Neighborhood Policy?”
- “What is the Union for the Mediterranean?”
Sources: Bomberg, Ch. 9; Dinan 7; Roy-Domínguez, Towards; Roy-Domínguez, Reg. Integration
Guest Speaker: TBA

Monday, November 28
Unit 13: the EU after the Lisbon Treaty
Basic reading: Roy-Domínguez, Lisbon Fado
Review of several aspects: McCormick 7, 9, 20
Subtopics:
- “The EU search for a ‘constitutional’ personality”
- “Why did the EU ‘constitution’ fail to be approved and how was it ‘rescued’?”
- “What were the roles of selected EU states?”
- “What are the characteristics and novelties of the Treaty of Lisbon?”
  “Is the Lisbon Treaty ‘the end of constitutional EU history’?”
Sources: Bomberg 8, 11; Ginsberg Roy-Domínguez, Lisbon Fado
Recommended and Supplementary Texts:


Sites, treaties and other basic documents

European Union. www.europa.eu
European Union Center/ Jean Monnet Chair, University of Miami
www.miami.edu/eucenter

Secondary/recommended books of general scope or EU’s external dimension.

Barbé, Esther, and Anna Herranz (eds.). The role of Parliaments in European foreign policy. Barcelona; Institut Universitari d’Estudis Europeus, 2005. 92-823-1945-8


**Other texts** produced by the EU Center will be provided free of charge or made available online (www.miami.edu/eucenter), publications

Roy, Joaquin and Roberto Dominguez (eds) Regional Integration: fifty years after the Treaty of Rome (March 25, 1957): The EU model in the Americas, Asia and Africa. Miami: European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair, 2008. [http://www6.miami.edu/eucenter/books/Fifty%20years-text+cover.pdf](http://www6.miami.edu/eucenter/books/Fifty%20years-text+cover.pdf)


WEB Sites

European Union-related websites

Fundamental site:

European Union
http://europa.eu/

International organizations and government sites

ALADI
www.aladi.org

Andean Community
http://www.comunidadandina.org/

CARICOM
www.caricom.org/expframes3.htm

Comunidad Andina
http://www.comunidadandina.org/

Council of Europe
www.coe.fr

EUROCORPS
http://www.eurocorps.com/

European Commission of Human Rights
www.dhcommrh.coe.fr

European Court of Human Rights
www.dhcour.fr

FAO
www.fao.org

Free Trade Area of the Americas
http://www.fta-aalca.org/

IMF
www.imf.org

International Labor Organization
www.ilo.org

NAFTA
http://ucsu.colorado.edu/~slusarz/nafta/nafta_li.htm

NATO
www.nato.int

OAS
http://www.oas.org/lowdefault.asp

OCDE
www.oecd.org

OSCE
www.osce.org

PNUD
www.undp.org

Sistema de Integración de Centroamérica (SICA)
http://www.sgsica.org

UNESCO
www.unesco.org

UNITED NATIONS
http://www.un.org/french/

Unión de Naciones Sudamericanas
http://www.uniondenacionessuramericanas.com/

Union for the Mediterranean

US State Department
http://www.state.gov/

United States Mission to the EU
http://www.useu.be/

Western European Union
http://www.weu.int/

World Trade Organization
www.wto.org

Centers and Associations

Association Jean Monnet
http://www.jean-monnet.net/

Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Centre d’Informació i Documentació a Barcelona (CIDOB)
http://www.cidob.es/

Centro de Estudios Europeos (U. Complutense, Madrid)
www.ucm.es/bucm/be

Center for European Reform (CER), London
http://www.cer.org.uk/about/index.html
College of Europe
www.coleurop.be

Council of European Studies
http://www.europanet.org/frames/overall.html

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

European University Institute

European Community Studies Association (ECSA)-Net
http://www.ecsanet.org/

Foro del Sur (Buenos Aires)
http://www.forosur.com.ar/

Foundation Robert Schuman
www.robert-schuman.org

Institut Français de Relations Internationales
http://www.ifri.org/

Institut Universitari d’Estudis Europeus (U. A. Barcelona)
www.uab.es/iuee

Inter-American Development Bank
http://www.iadb.org/?lang=en

Inter-American Integration Institute

Istituto Affari Internazionali
http://www.iai.it/

Notre Europe
www.notre-europe.asso.fr

Nueva Mayoría (Buenos Aires)
www.nuevamayoria.com

Real Instituto Elcano (Madrid)
http://www.r-i-elcano.org/

The European Policy Center
http://www.theepc.be/

Journals

Archivos del Presente (Buenos Aires)

Challenge Europe (Belgium)
Foreign Policy
www.foreignpolicy.com

Foreign Affairs
www.foreignaffairs.org

Foreign Affairs en Español Mexico)
www.foreignaffairs-esp.org

Integration and Trade Journal

Internationale Politik (Germany)
www.dgap.org

Journal of Common Market Studies (UK)
http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journals/JCMS/

Journal of European Integration (UK)
http://www.essex.ac.uk/centres/jme/journal.htm

Politique etrangere (Paris)

Politica Exterior (Madrid)
www.politicaexterior.com

The International Spectator (Italy)
www.iai.it

Revista de Derecho Comunitario Europeo (Spain)
http://www.cepc.es/revistas.htm

Revista CIDOB d’Afers Internacionals (Barcelona)
http://www.cidob.es/Castellano/Publicaciones/Afers/afers.html

Newletters, EU news

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

Euroobserver
http://www.independence.org.uk/html/eu_news.html

European Neighbourhood Partnership

News Agencies, Newspapers and Magazines

Agence France Press
http://www.afp.com
The Economist
http://www.economist.com/

EFE Spanish News Agency
http://www.efe.es/

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

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

The European Policy Center- “Constitutional Library”

Columbia International Affairs Online
http://www.c.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/ceuep/EU-bib.html