The European Union: History, Institutions, Policies and Issues

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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 integrations systems in history. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, it has been facing a historic opportunity to obliterate dividing lines and make Europe “whole and free.” In the wake of September 11, the EU embarked in the process of it most important enlargement in history, institutional reform and the task of drafting a Constitution, 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, its governance, and politics have been the object of extensive study and theory development. The dual tasks of deepening and widening present the European Union with daunting challenges that can put to test its ability to govern. Even when it aims at assuming pan-European parameters, The Union has to address age-old issues such as 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 policies and 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 altering make up 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 to the fore 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, and a final session dedicated to the pressing current issues dominated by the debate on the constitutional process. All this will be treated in the proper context of the EU and national internal crisis generated by the Iraq conflict and other international crisis.

**Requirements:**

1. Five minipapers (600-800 words) based on a subtopic of a cluster (five in total) of units: 1-2 and 8, 3, 4-5, 6-7, and 9-10. This type of minipaper 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, “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). It is recommended that at least one source is a language other than English. Papers have to be submitted (by email to all members of the class and the instructor) by 9am on the day after the last class of the cluster. 50% (10 points each)

2. Final take-home, scholarly/policy paper, or special project (optional, to be discussed individually). 30%

3. An objective test (“Proficiency on the EU”, like a “Driver’s License”) on basic aspects of the EU. This test will be administered in two parts, one before mid term, and one during the last meeting, or final exam date (to be determined). 20%


Basic Text:


Optional:


Recommended and Supplementary Texts:


j33.5-c56


**European Union Center production**

Roy Joaquin, and Roberto Domínguez, eds., The European Union and Regional Integration: a Comparative Perspective and Lessons for the Americas. (Miami: European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair, 2005)
http://www6.miami.edu/eucenter/books/The%20EU-Regioonal-text+cover-final.pdf;


Roy Joaquin, and Roberto Domínguez (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

Roy, Joaquín, and Roberto Domínguez (eds.). Towards the Completion of Europe: 
Analysis and Perspectives of the New European Union Enlargement. Miami: 
European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair, 2006. 296 p. ISBN 0-9638678-7-3; 

Scarecrow Press / Rowman & Littlefiel, Lanham, Maryland, 2006. 260 p. JN 15 
. R75 2006 
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Roy, Joaquín and Pedro Gomis-Porqueras (editors). The Euro and the Dollar in a Global 
7153-4 LC HG925.E8676 2007

Sites, treaties and other basic documents

European Union. www.europa.eu

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


Tentative Class Schedule

Tuesday, September 2
Unit 1: Introduction

Tuesday, September 9
Unit 2: History

Tuesday, September 16
Unit 8: Constitutionalism

Tuesday, September 23
Unit 3: Institutions: European Council and Council of Ministers
Paper #1 due at 9am for units 1-2, and 8

Tuesday, September 30
Unit 3b: Institutions: The European Commission
Guest Speaker: Sven Kuhn Von Burgsdorff, “The European Commission: development and challenges”

Tuesday, October 7
Unit 3c: Institutions: The Parliament and the Court of Justice

Tuesday, October 14
Unit 4: The Member States
Unit 5: Organized Interests and lobbying
Guest Speaker: Philippe Vinogradoff, Consul General of France, “The French Presidency of the EU”
Paper #2 due for units 3 and 3b, and 3c at 9am

Tuesday, October 21

Review of units 1-5, concepts, and EU integration theories

Tuesday, October 28
Unit 6: Main Policies (Pillar I)
From Single Market to Monetary Union: The Euro
Guest speaker: Maria Lorca, “The euro”
Laura Gómez-Mera, “The International Political Economy: the place of the EU”
Paper #3 due for units 4 and 5
Drivers Test on units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8

Tuesday, November 4
Unit 7: Internal Policies (Pillar III)
Note: this is Election Day: schedule is subject to reform
Tuesday, November 11
Unit 9: EU Enlargement
The Neighborhood Policy
Guest speaker: Astrid Boening, “The EU Mediterranean Partnership”
Paper #4 due for units 6 and 7

Tuesday, November 18
General Symposium
The evolution of the Treaties as “Constitution”
Program to be available

Unit 10: The EU’s foreign relations
Guest speaker:
Sven Kuhn Von Burgsdoff

Tuesday, November 25
Unit 11: Conclusions and summary
Current, pressing topics
Test (units 6, 7, 9 and 10)
Paper #5 due for units 9-10, at 9am
Review and advanced reports (tentative)

December, date of exam (see schedule
Final papers due
Unit 1: Introduction

Central Topic: What is the European Union?

Key Issues:

Beginnings: 1945-1949
   The Marshall Plan
   The Brussels Treaty and the Council of Europe
   The Atlantic Alliance
The Community and the Union
Deepening and Widening
   Size and Governance
   Identity
   The EU and Globalization
Challenges
   Institutions
   Market Integration
   Policy Integration
   External Identity
   Enlargement
   Europe and the Citizen
   Europe and the World
   Perception in the United States
Theoretical Frameworks

Readings-Basic:

Bomberg Ch. 1

Optional

McCormick 1

Recommended

Chryssochoou, “Theory Discourses and European Integration”, Van der Hoek
Craig, 1
Eilstrup
Nelsen
Rosamond
Sitter,” European Organizations”, Van der Hoek
Van der Hoek, Handbook, Introduction
Van Oudenaren, Ch. 1. “Introduction: Peace, Prosperity, and the Challenges of European
Wiener
Unit 2: History: From Common Market to Political Union

Key Issues

The European Coal and Steel Community
The EEC and Euroatom
  Britain and the Founding of EFTA
  Development of the Community in the 1960s
  The Hague Summit
  Institutional Developments in the 1970s
  The European Monetary System
Relaunch in the 1980s
  The Single Market
  The Intergovernmental Conference
  Institutional Reform
  The Iberian Enlargement
The European Union
  The Collapse of Communism
  The Negotiations
  The Pillar Structure
  Other Reforms
  Ratification and Beyond
  Enlargement Again
The Treaty of Amsterdam

Readings-Basic/optional:
Bomberg, Ch 2
Dinan, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
McCormick 2, 3

Recommended
Craig 1
Roy, “The nature of the EU”, Van der Hoek, Hanbook
Tsinisizelis, “The community dimension”, Handbook
Van Oudenaren, Ch. 2: “Stages of Development: From Common Market to Political
Unit 3: The Institutions: The European Council and the Council of Ministers

The Role of the Member States
EU Law
  Regulations, Directives, and Decisions
  Key Principles
The Budget
  Budgetary Procedure
Enlargement, Institutional Reform

Readings –Basic/optional
Bomberg, Ch. 3
Dinan 9
McCormick 6, 9

Recommended
Baer, “Commission”, Handbook
Craig 2
Colino, “National governments and the EU”, Handbook
Devuyst ch. III
Feld, “European finances”, Handbook
Harrop, “Internal Market”, Handbook
Johnston
Lane, “EU: the legal dimension”, Handbook
Peterson
Skiadas, “Judicial, Controlling and Advisory Institutions”, Handbook,
Warleigh, “Regional governments”
Unit 3b: The **European Commission**

**Central topic:**

Key supranational entity

**Subtopics**

The College  
The Guardian of the Treaties  
Background and prospects  
Structure and function

**Basic/optional Readings**

Bomberg, Ch. 3  
Dinan, 8  
McCormick 5

**Recommended**

Craig 2  
Cini  
Devuyst III  
Hayes  
Nugent, Commission
Unit 3c: Institutions: The Parliament and the Court of Justice

Suptopics:

The European Parliament: structure and function
The European Court of Justice
Other EU Bodies
  - The Economic and Social Committee
  - The Committee of the Regions
  - The Court of Auditors
  - The European Investment Bank
  - The European Central Bank
  - Specialized Agencies

Readings-Basic/optional

Bomberg, Ch. 3
Dinan 10, 11
McCormick 7, 8

Recommended

Craig 2, 8-9, 10
De Burca
Devuyst III
Jacobs
Peterson
Van der Hock
Unit 4: Major Actors: The Member States

The major member states
Influential small states
1995 enlargement states
2004 enlargement states
Determining features

Readings- Basic/optional

Bomberg, Ch. 4

Recommended

Piper 5-16

Websites of EU presidencies (cover of www.miami.edu/eucenter/)
Unit 5: Organized Interests and lobbying

Types of actors
The Civic Society
Economic interests
Public interest groups
Media
Lobbying

The Social and Economic Committee
The Committee of Regions

Basic/optional Readings:

Bomberg, Ch. 5
McCormick, 10
Unit 6: Main Policies (Pillar I)
Central Topic: The core of the Community

Subtopics:
From Single Market to Monetary Union: The Euro
  The Customs Union
  The Single Market Program
  Goods, Services, Capital, Persons
  The Maastricht Negotiations and Criteria
  The Stability and Growth Pact
The Common Agricultural Policy
The Common Fisheries Policy
The Common Transport Policy
Competition Policy
Social Policy
Regional Policy
Environmental Policy
Research and Development
Employment Policy

Readings-Basic/optional
Bomberg, Ch. 6
Dinan 12-16
McCormick 4, 11, 13, 14

Recommended Readings:
Ackrill, Common Agricultural Policy, Handbook
Allen, Ch. 9: “Cohesion and the Structural Funds,” in Wallace
Craig 20, 21, 22
Hantrais, Social policy, Handbook
Hix, Ch. 8: “Regulation of the Single Market,” Ch. 10: “Economic and Monetary Union,”
Howarth , “European Central Bank”, Hadnbook
McGowan, Ch. 5: “Competition Policy, “ in Wallace.
Porrini, “Environmental policy, Handbook
Rieger, Ch. 7: “The Common Agricultural Policy,” in Wallace
Sbragia, Ch. 11:“Environmental Policy,” in Wallace
Tondl, “Regional policy”, Handbook
Tsoukalis, Ch. 6: “Economic and Monetary Union,” in Wallace
Verdun, “History”, Handbook
Young and Wallace, Ch. 4: “The Single Market,” in Wallace
Unit 7: Internal Policies (Pillar III)
Area of Freedom, Justice, and Security

Subtopics:

The 1970s
The 1980s and the Single European Act
Citizenship Issues
Schengen and the Single Market
Immigration as a Policy Problem
Problems with Implementation
The Maastricht Treaty
EU Citizenship
The Third Pillar
Europol
The External Dimension
The Amsterdam Reforms
Racism and Xenophobia
Implementation and the Tampere Summit
Impact of Enlargement

Readings-Basic/optional

Bomberg, Ch. 7
Dinan 15
McCormick, ch. 6

Recommended:

Caporazo, Ch. 3:” Dilemmas of Democracy in the European Union,” pp. 42-84.
Craig 7, 11
Den Boer and Wallace, Ch. 18: “Justice and Home Affairs,” in Wallace and Wallace,
Den Boer, “Police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters”, Handbook,
eds., pp. 493-522.
Van Oudenaren, Ch. 7: “The Citizen’s Europe: A New Area of Freedom, Justice, and
Unit 8: Constitutionalism

The treaties
Democracy
Charter
Supranationality
Intergovermentalism

Basic Readings/optional:

Bomberg, Ch. 8

Recommended

Baun,
Craig 1, 2
Laursen
Ludlow.
Norman
Weiler
Weiler
Unit 9: EU Enlargement and the Neighborhood Policy

Subtopics:

The Collapse of Communism
Europe’s Initial Response
The Copenhagen Criteria
The Accession Process
Negotiations
The first wave
The second wave
Cyprus and Malta
Turkey
Challenges and prospects
The Neighborhood Policy

Basic Readings:

Bomberg, Ch. 9

Optional

Van Oudenaren, Ch, 10: “The Next Enlargement,”
Dinan Ch 7

Recommended:
Schoors, “Enlargement”, Handbook
Roy/Dominguez, Towards the Completion of Europe
Unit 10: The EU’s global dimension

Subtopics –Economic

GATT and the Uruguay Round
Key Trade Partners
   The EU’s Near Abroad
   The Lome Area and Other Developing Countries
   Asia and Latin America
   The United States
Future Trade Issues
The International Implications of the Euro
The European Union’s humanitarian policies

Subtopics -Political

European Political Cooperation
CFSP
The Amsterdam Reforms
ESDI
CFSP in Action
The Balkans
The Newly Independent States
The Mediterranean
U.S.-EU Relations
Other Regions and Global Issues
EU’s defense after September 11 and the Iraq war

Basic Readings:

Bomberg, Ch. 10

Optional

Dinan 17, 18

McComick, ch 8, 15-16
Van Oudenaren, Ch. 9: “Europe as a Global Actor: Foreign Policy and Defense,”.

Recommended

Caporazo, Ch. 4: “Dilemmas of the External Relations of the European Union,”
Carbone, “Development policy”, Handbook
Craig 6
Nugent, Ch. 14: “External Relations,”
Piana, “The common foreign and security policy, Hanbook
Stevens, Ch. 15, “Trade with Developing Countries,” Wallace
Van Oudenaren, Ch. 8: “Europe as a Global Actor: Trade and Finance,”
Unit 11: Conclusions and summary
Current, pressing topics

Basic Readings
Bomberg, Ch. 11
WEB Sites

European Union-related websites

European Union  
www.europa.eu/int

European Commission  
www.europa.int/comm

European Council  
www.ue.eu.int/info/index

European Parliament  
www.euparl.eu.int

European Court of Justice  
www.curia.eu.int

European Court of Auditors  
www.eca.eu.int

Committee of Regions  
www.cor.eu.int

Economic and Social Committee  
www.esc.eu.int

European Central Bank  
www.ecb.int

European Ombudsman  
www.euro-ombudsman.eu/int

Official Journal of the EU  
www.europa.eu.int/eur-lex

Future of the European Union  
www.europa.eu.int/futurum

Common Foreign and Security Policy  
http://ue.eu.int/pesc/default.asp?lang=en

European Union Enlargement  
http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/index_en.html

Africa, Pacific, Caribbean (ACP)  
http://europa.eu.int/comm/development/paysreg_en.htm

EU Greece Presidency  

European Union Studies Association (EUSA)  
http://www.eustudies.org/home.html

European Union-Delegation to USA
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.ftaa-alca.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/

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

Asociación para la Investigación y el Estudio de Temas Iberoamericanos (AIETI)
www.aieti.es

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/

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 University Institute
http://www.iue.it/

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

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

IRELA

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

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 étrangère (Paris)

Política 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

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 Magazine
http://www.eurunion.org/magazine/index.htm

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

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (English Edition)
http://www.faz.com
Il Corriere della Sera (Italy)
http://www.corriere.it/

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

The Guardian
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://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/dispapers_en.html

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