The Politics of European Integration
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Course Goals and Overview

This course intends to give students a better understanding of the history and politics of European integration. It will also introduce to students the important institutions and the most prominent policies of the European Union.

The course is divided into four parts. Part I is an introduction and asks the question "What is the European Union?" Part II examines the institutions and the actors of the EU. Part III explores the policies and the policy making processes of the EU. Part IV takes a look at the members of the European Union. It examines how member states ensure that their national interests are articulated and defended within the EU and it also considers how EU policy is implemented within the Member States themselves.

Texts


Part I What is the European Union?

4 April 9:30 - 11:30  Introduction and overview of subject matter
History of European Integration
Most important treaties

Readings: Nugent, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Part II EU Institutions and Actors

4 April 13:30 - 15:30  The European Commission
The Council of Ministers

Readings: Nugent, Chapters 6 and 7

8 April 9:30 - 11:30  The European Council
The European Parliament

Readings: Nugent, Chapters 8 and 9

9 April 10:00 - 12:00  European Union Law and the Court of Justice
Other institutions and actors

Readings: Nugent, Chapters 10 and 11
### Part III EU Policies and Policy Processes

**9 April**  
13:30 - 15:30  
The origins and characteristics of policies  
The EU Decision Making Process  

**Readings:** Nugent, Chapters 12 and 13

**11 April**  
10:00 - 12:00  
EU Policies:  
Single European Market  
Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)  
Economic and Monetary Union  

**Readings:** Nugent, Chapters 14 and 15

**11 April**  
13:30 - 15:30  
EU enlargement  

**Readings:** Ulrich Sedelmeier and Helen Wallace. "Eastern Enlargement: Strategy or Second Thought?"

**15 April**  
9:30 - 11:30  
**MIDTERM EXAM**

**16 April**  
10:00 - 12:00  
EU Policies:  
External relations  
Common Foreign and Security Policy  

**Readings:** Nugent, Chapter 16; and Anthony Forster and William Wallace. "Common Foreign and Security Policy: From Shadow to Substance?"

### Part IV EU Members

**16 April**  
13:30 - 15:30  
National influences and Controls over EU Policy Processes  
How is EU policy implemented within Member States  
The original Members  
  
  France  
The Benelux  
Federal Republic of Germany  
Italy  

**Readings:** Nugent, Chapter 17; and Zeff, Chapters 3, 4, 5 and 6
18 April
10:00 - 12:00
The Reluctant Members

Great Britain
Denmark
Ireland

Readings: Zeff, Chapters 7, 8 and 9

18 April
13:30 - 15:30
The Mediterranean Partners

Greece
Portugal
Spain

Readings: Zeff, Chapters 10 and 11

29 April
9:30 - 11:30
The Newest Members

Finland
Austria
Sweden

Readings: Zeff, Chapters 12, 13 and 14

2 May
10:00 - 12:00
FINAL EXAM

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