

Political Science – 628
Politics of European Integration
Autumn 2001

Time and Place: T, TH 11:30 am-1:18 p.m.; Orton Hall 0110

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Course Description and Objectives:

This course is designed to provide a general introduction to the politics of European integration since the Second World War. By deepening your knowledge of political developments in another region in the world, the course aims to offer a comparative perspective on regional integration elsewhere, including the North American hemisphere.

The course is divided in three parts. In the first section of the course, we discuss the history of European integration, from the federalist vision of the founding fathers of the European Union (EU) to the intergovernmentalist realism of political skeptics. This part of the course provides the theoretical and analytical foundation for the discussions in the remainder of the course.

The second section of the course focuses on the politics and policies of the European Union. We study the main institutions of the EU, decision-making procedures and policies, as well as the impact of European integration on the domestic politics and policies of the member states.

The third section draws on the first two sections to examine the ongoing debate within the EU on further integration, a common currency, and enlargement, and analyze the impact that the outcome of this debate may have on the EU's relations with external actors such as the United States.

Teaching Method:

Lectures alternating with classroom discussions based on the lectures and the assigned readings.

Course Requirements:

There are no prerequisites for this course. Course evaluation will be based on class participation (10%), quizzes and short (1-2 page) reflection papers on the weekly

readings (25%), a midterm exam (30%), and a final take-home exam (35%). You can elect to replace the final exam with a 10-12 page research paper on a topic of your own choice. If you wish to take this option, you should consult with the instructor before the end of week 7 of classes (November 1). Graduate students **must** write a research paper for their final exam and should contact the instructor accordingly. The midterm exam is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, during regular class hours. The final exam will be handed out during the last day of regular class and is due in my office (Derby 2137) on Thursday, December 6, at 3:18 p.m.

There will be 3 quizzes during the quarter; the 2 highest marks on these will count towards your final grade. Quizzes may, or may not, be announced in advance. The reflection papers are meant to prepare for class discussion. You are required to write 4 reflection papers in total during the quarter. You can choose for which weeks you write a paper and whether to hand it in at the end of T or TH class, but you cannot write more than one paper a week. The papers should be no more than 2 double-spaced pages in length, should go beyond a mere summary of that week's readings but instead reflect a critical reading of that class' assignment, possibly relating the readings to current events in European politics.

Course Administration:

You are expected to attend all classes. Absence from more than two classes will result in a penalty on the grade for class participation. Please note that make-up exams will only be administered under extraordinary circumstances (e.g. in case of documented illness).

All of the work you do in this course is expected to be your own. Absolutely no cheating or plagiarism (using someone else's words or ideas without proper citation) will be tolerated. Any cases of cheating or plagiarism will be reported to the university committee on academic misconduct and handled according to university policy.

Students with disabilities certified by the Office for Disability Services are responsible for making their needs known to the instructor, and seeking available assistance, in the first week of the quarter. Course materials are available in alternative formats upon request. For such materials please contact Mr. Wayne DeYoung, 2140 Derby Hall, 154 North Oval Mall, 292-2880.

Readings:

- * Dinan, Desmond. 1999. *An Ever Closer Union: An Introduction to European Integration*. 2nd ed. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- * Nelsen, Brent F., and Alexander C-G. Stubb. 1998. *The European Union. Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration*. 2nd ed. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- * Course Reader.

The above readings are all required. The books have been ordered at the main campus bookstores. In addition, the Dinan book has been put on closed reserve in the library (the OSU library does not own the Nelsen/Stubb book). The reader is available for purchase at the Cop-Ez. Additional readings may be placed on reserve during the quarter.

You are strongly encouraged to follow contemporary events in Western Europe and daily reading of a newspaper is required. Probably the best two sources for current news on European affairs are *The Economist* (a weekly magazine) and the *Financial Times* (a daily newspaper), both are available in the periodicals room of the library. The *FT* is furthermore easily accessible on the web (www.ft.com); unfortunately, many of *The Economist's* articles on the web (www.economist.com) are accessible to subscribers only. Another excellent source for news on European affairs is the English edition of the German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (www.faz.de).

For those of you choosing to write a research paper, a wealth of (primary) information on the European Union can be found at the EU's official website: www.europa.eu.int

A note on the schedule and readings below. In order to have an insightful discussion on the week's topic, you are expected to have read the materials listed **in advance** of that week's class, except for the first class. At the end of TH class each week, I will post a few discussion questions on the readings for the next week on the course webpage. These questions are meant to help you navigate the readings by identifying the important issues and debates. The discussion questions form the basis for in-class discussion.

Class Schedule:

TH, Sept. 20 - Introduction: Overview of the course.
No advanced reading required.

T, Sept. 25 - Early Visions for an Integrated Europe.
Dinan; ch.1
Nelsen/Stubb; ch.2 (Churchill), ch.3 (Schuman), and ch.13 (Mitrany)
Course Reader; art. Bruneteau, pp.1-16.

TH, Sept. 27 - From Common Market to Eurosclerosis
Dinan; ch.2, and ch.3
Nelsen/Stubb; ch.5 (Monnet), and ch.6 (De Gaulle)

T, Oct. 2 - (Early) Theories and Concepts of European Integration
Nelsen/Stubb; ch.15 (Haas), ch.16 (Lindberg), and ch.17 (Hoffmann)

TH, Oct. 4 - Institutions and Decision-Making Procedures in the European Union
Dinan; ch.8, and ch.9
Course Reader: art. Pollack, pp.51-61

- T, Oct. 9 – -continued-
Dinan, ch. 10 and ch.11, pp.301-312.
Course Reader; art. Alter, pp.63-76.
- TH, Oct. 11 - Relaunching Europe.
Dinan; ch.4 and ch.5
- T, Oct. 16 - -continued- “Europe 1992”
Dinan; ch.13
Nelsen/Stubb; ch.18 (Balassa)
- TH, Oct. 18 - Re(de)fining the Debate on European Integration
Nelsen/Stubb; ch.8 (Thatcher), ch.19 (Pinder), ch.20 (Sandholtz/Wayne),
and ch.21 (Moravcsik)
- T, Oct. 23 - Midterm Exam
- TH, Oct. 25 - From European Community to European Union.
Dinan; ch.6
Nelsen/Stubb; ch. 9 (Delors), and ch.26 (Tsoukalis)
- T, Oct. 30 - -continued-
Dinan; ch.7
Nelsen/Stubb; ch.14 (Deutsch)
- TH, Nov. 1 - New Concepts in the Study of European Integration
Nelsen/Stubb; ch.23 (Marks, Hooghe, and Blank) and ch.24 (Pierson).
Course Reader; art. Scharpf, pp.17-37; and art. Kohler-Koch, pp.39-50
(recommended)
- T, Nov. 6 - Economic and Monetary Union and a Single Currency
Dinan; ch. 16
Course Reader; art. Dyson. pp.77-87
- TH, Nov. 8 - External Relations of the EU
Dinan; ch.17
Course Reader; art. Caporaso, pp. 155-181
- T, Nov. 13 - Enlarging the Union
Nelsen/Stubb; ch.11 (Schauble/Lamers)
Baun, Michael. 1999. “Enlargement”, in Laura Cram, Desmond Dinan and
Neill Nugent, eds. *Developments in the European Union*. NY: St. Martin’s
Press. Pp. 269-89 (on reserve)
TBA
- TH, Nov. 15 - A Democratic Deficit?

Course Reader; art. Martin, pp.129-143, and art. Laffan, pp.145-155; art. Hix, pp. 111-127 (recommended)

T, Nov. 20 - U.S.- EU Relations
Dinan; ch.18

TH, Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving

T, Nov. 27 - Regionalization and Domestic Politics
Course Reader; art. Milner, pp.181-193, and art. Hix/Goetz, pp.195-208

TH, Nov. 29 - Course Wrap-Up
Moravcsik, Andrew. 1998. "The Prospects for European Integration", in
Andrew Moravcsik, ed. *Centralization or Fragmentation?* NY: Council on
Foreign Relations Press. Pp.1-58 (on reserve)

TH, Dec. 6 - Final Exam due.