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Tuesday, 16:00 – 17:20

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SSC 410 The European Union

This course introduces the main aspects of the European Union (EU), covering the historical context, institutions and actors, policies and policy making, and theories.

The course is divided into two parts. The first part focuses on the history of the process of European integration, and on the institutional architecture of the EU (a detailed list of the topics can be found in the following programme). This first part is examined by a mid-term quiz (35% of the final grade), composed of approximately 30 short answer questions (multiple choice; one-word-answers; or one-sentence-answers) and one long answer question (with a choice of one out of three).

The second part addresses EU actors, internal and external policies, and theories of European integration (a detailed list of the topics can be found in the following programme). This second part is examined by another quiz (35% of the final grade), again composed of approximately 30 short answer questions and one long answer question (one out of three).

Active class participation accounts for the remaining 30% of the final grade. This includes a power point presentation of about 10 minutes on a topic of EU politics, which every student is asked to prepare twice in a semester.

Program:

1	February 23 16:00 – 17:20	Introduction to the Course 'Mapping' Europe and what is the EU?	
2	February 25 16:00 – 17:20	<u>The Historical Context:</u> The European Community: From 1945 to 1985	Derek W. Urwin (2007) 'The European Community: From 1945 to 1985', in M. Cini (ed.) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 2, pp. 13-29.
3	March 2 16:00 – 17:20	<u>The Historical Context:</u> Towards European Union	David Phinnemore (2007) 'Towards European Union', in M. Cini (ed.) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 3, pp. 30-45.
4	March 4 16:00 – 17:20	<u>The Historical Context:</u> The Rise and Fall of the Constitutional Treaty, and the Lisbon Treaty	Clive Church and David Phinnemore (2007), 'The Rise and Fall of the Constitutional Treaty', in M. Cini (ed.) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 4, pp. 46-65.
5	March 9 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Institutions:</u> The Institutional Architecture	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 18, pp. 229-259.
March 11: NO CLASS DUE TO SOUTHERN ITALY FIELD TRIP			
6	March 16 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Institutions:</u> The European Commission	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 19, pp. 260-275.
7	March 18 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Institutions:</u> The Council	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 20, pp. 276-293.
8	March 23 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Institutions:</u> The European Parliament	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 21, pp. 294-315.
9	March 25 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Institutions:</u> The Courts of the European Union	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 22, pp. 316-332.
10	March 30 16:00 – 17:20	Review for the Exam	
11	April 1 16:00 – 17:20	Mid Term Exam	
April 2-11 Spring break			

12	April 13 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Institutions:</u> Advisory bodies, financial bodies, and minor institutions	See the EU official web site
13	April 15 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Actors:</u> Organized Interests	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 23, pp. 333-349.
14	April 20 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Policies:</u> Policies and Policy Making in the European Union	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 24, pp. 353-377.
15	April 22 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Policies:</u> Agriculture	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 25, pp. 378-402.
16	April 27 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Policies:</u> The Single Market	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 26, pp. 403-426.
17	April 29 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Policies:</u> Economic and Monetary Union	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 27, pp.427-455.
18	May 4 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Policies:</u> Enlargement	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 31, pp. 535-564.
19	May 6 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Policies:</u> From Security to Defence: the Evolution of the Common Foreign and Security Policy	Jolyon Howorth (2005) 'From Security to Defence: the Evolution of the CFSP', in C. Hill and M. Smith (eds) <i>International Relations and the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 9, pp. 179-203.
20	May 11 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Theories:</u> Theories of European Integration	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 1, pp. 3-21.
21	May 13 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Theories:</u> Theories of EU Governance	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 2, pp. 22-40.
22	May 18 16:00 – 17:20	<u>Theories:</u> Critical Perspectives	Ian Bache and George (2006), <i>Politics in the European Union</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 3, pp. 41-56.
23	May 20 16:00 – 17:20	Review for the Exam	
24	TO BE ANNOUNCED: May 25 or May 27 16:00 – 17:20	Final Exam	

General Attendance Policy:

Attendance to all CSU courses is mandatory. Two unexcused absences are allowed during the semester but more than two unexcused absences will lower your grade (excused absences will be accepted for serious medical reasons or emergencies) as follows: 3 unexcused absences, lowers one letter grade; 4 unexcused absences, lowers two letter grades; 5 unexcused absences, lowers 3 letter grades. More than five unexcused absences will result in failure of the course.

In order not to disrupt the class, punctuality is required. Students are expected to be in class at the beginning of the class hour; any delay exceeding ten minutes will be considered an absence.

Dates of mid-term and final exams can not be changed for individual travel plans or personal needs. Students should take note of the dates and hours of the midterm and final exams and plan their trips after the last exam. It is important to inform friends and relatives about these exam dates so that no tickets are purchased for you that will interfere with these exam dates. Missing the midterm or the final exam will mean failure of the course.

During the academic year photocopies and other material may be distributed in class by the instructors. Students who were not in class are responsible for getting the material from their classmates and making their own photocopies.

Other class policies:

Use of the computer in class is restricted to oral presentations, unless previously approved by the professor.

Eating is NOT allowed in class.

Cellular phones must be turned off or placed on silent mode during class.