

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 260	Course Title : European Union Politics														
Required / Elective : Elective	Pre / Co-requisites : -														
Catalog Description: The historical development of the Union with particular emphasis on major treaties such as Treaties of Paris, Rome, Single European Act and Maastricht. Different theories and approaches to the study of EU such as functionalism, federalism, multi-level governance and inter-governmentalism; institutions and actors of EU; policy making process in the EU.	Textbook / Required Material: Michelle Cini, European Union Politics (Oxford: Oxford University Press)														
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS															
<p>Extended Description :</p> <p>This course is designed to introduce students to the theories, history, institutions, and policies of the European Union (EU). This course examines the evolution of the European Union since the foundation of the ECSC. It introduces several theoretical approaches to the study of the EU such as federalism, neofunctionalism, intergovernmentalism, and more recent approaches emphasizing culture and identity. In the last part, the course offers a survey of the basic institutions of the EU and how politics operates within and among these institutions.</p>															
Design content : None	Computer usage: Not required														
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a deeper understanding of the EU within a historical framework • Understand the theoretical approaches that have been applied to the European integration process and to the politics of the Union • Understand the organization and functioning of main EU institutions • Understand and assess main policy debates within the EU • Improve their ability to assess current developments regarding the EU 															
<p>Teaching methods:</p> <p>Lectures, class discussion, video clips, slides</p>															
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7	Approaches To European Integration III
8	Review And Midterm
9	The European Commission
10	The Council Of The European Union
11	The European Parliament
12	The Courts Of The EU
13	Interest Groups
14	EU Policies
15	Review

Assessment methods:

Class participation	10 %
Assignment	25 %
Midterm	30 %
Final Exam	35 %

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events					x
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions					x
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture				x	
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations					x
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
IR6	Understand the international legal framework					
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations					
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					

PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics					
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically			x		
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					
10	Have self-confidence					
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences					
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups					
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms					
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public					
16	Understand, read, and write in English					
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report					
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work					
21	Possess computer and technological literacy					

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading 74 hrs

Lectures 33 hrs

Class discussion 5 hrs

Written assignments		32 hrs
Examinations (Quizzes, midterm, and final)		6 hrs
TOTAL	150 hrs (25X6) 6 ECTS
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