

**POLITICAL SCIENCE 528**  
**POLITICS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**  
**AUTUMN 2004**

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 11:30 – 1:18  
SMITH LABORATORY 1009

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AND BY APPOINTMENT

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:**

Europe. Where students spend their summers backpacking. The winner of this year's Ryder Cup. The next major superpower? While we are all familiar with Europe as a geographical entity, today the term "Europe" implies much more. This course examines the evolution of Europe from merely a geographical designation to an economic and political union in the form of the European Union.

The course has a number of objectives. The first is to understand the background conditions that led several European nations to undertake efforts at integration following World War II. The second is to examine the historical evolution of the European Union from those early post-war efforts to its current form. Our third goal in this course is to explore in greater depth the various theories behind the efforts at integration in Europe. Finally, we will look into how the European Union of today is organized and functions.

**CLASS FORMAT:**

As we begin this course, most of you likely know very little about the European Union. In order for that to change by the end of the quarter, I will spend a portion of each class period presenting information in a lecture format. Given that the European Union is a complicated entity, however, we must go beyond the traditional lecture in order to fully understand it. As such, throughout the quarter we will engage in a variety of in-class activities designed to provide a more hands-on understanding of the European Union.

**READINGS:**

There are two required texts for this course. McCormick (2004) is an introductory text that surveys most of the topics we will address in this course in a user-friendly, introductory fashion. Hix (1999) goes into greater detail on the government, politics, and policy-making process within the European Union. A third text, edited by Michelle Cini (2003), is

recommended. While this book overlaps the McCormick and Hix texts, it goes beyond these two texts to discuss theories of integration at length, as well as a number of other topics not touched in the other two texts.

Required:

Hix, Simon. 1999. *The Political System of the European Union*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

McCormick, John. 2004. *The European Union: Politics and Policies*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

Recommended:

Cini, Michelle, ed. 2003. *European Union Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

In addition to readings from the texts, you will periodically be asked to read information online or from handouts. These readings are also *required*.

**THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THE CLASS SCHEDULE AND/OR ASSIGN ADDITIONAL READINGS**

#### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION:**

Students are expected to complete all assignments in a timely manner. Late assignments will be accepted through the class period following the assignment's due date; however, late assignments will be marked down one full letter grade for each *calendar* day they are late. If you know you must miss an exam or other deadline, it is your responsibility to obtain permission from the instructor ahead of time. In the case of a family or medical emergency, you must provide appropriate documentation. In either case, you must make arrangements with the instructor as soon as possible.

Your grade in this course will be based on the following:

- **Final Exam: 300 points, or 30%**, of your final grade is based on a comprehensive final exam. The exam will take place during the time scheduled by the University and will be in an essay format. Further details will be provided to you.
- **Written Briefs: 450 points, or 45%**, of your final grade will come from three written, 5-page briefs (each worth 150 points/15%). The purpose of these briefs is for you to research some aspect of the course in greater

depth. Details on these briefs, their requirements, grading, etc. will be provided to you shortly. Due dates are listed on the syllabus.

- **Attendance and Participation:** While attendance and participation are important to any course, you will find they are even more so in this course. Your attendance in this class will count for **50 points (5%)** of your final grade whereas participation, in both the form of traditional discussion and the in-class activities mentioned above, will count for **200 points (20%)**.
- **Extra Credit:** You will be given an opportunity to earn **20 points** (or the equivalent of **2%** of your final grade) in extra credit by participating in one experiment through the Political Science department's subject pool. Sign-up information and details will be provided in class.

### **GRADING SUMMARY**

FINAL EXAM	300 POINTS
WRITTEN BRIEFS (150 POINTS EACH)	450 POINTS
PARTICIPATION POINTS	200
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>50 POINTS</u>
<b>TOTAL: POINTS</b>	<b>1,000</b>

Grades are calculated according to the university grading scale. The following will help you in calculating your final letter grade from your total points. A = 930-1000 points; A- = 900-930 points; B+ = 870-900 points; B = 830-870 points; B- = 800-830 points; C+ = 770-800 points; C = 730-770 points; C- = 700-730 points; D+ = 670-700 points; D = 630-670 points; E = 620 points and below.

#### **ACADEMIC HONESTY:**

All 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. If you have any questions at all about this policy, please consult the instructor.

#### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Students with disabilities are responsible for making their needs known to the instructor, and for 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, 292-2880.



## CLASS AND READING SCHEDULE

### **Part I: Background**

- Thurs 09/23      Introduction  
*Readings:*  
McCormick, "Introduction"
- Tues 09/28      Evolution of the European Union, Part I  
*Readings:*  
McCormick, Chapters 2 & 3
- Thurs 09/30      Evolution of the European Union, Part II  
*Readings:*  
McCormick, Chapter 4  
(Cini, Chapter 2)

### **Part II: Studying the European Union**

- Tues 10/05      How Do We Study the European Union?  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapter 1  
McCormick, Chapter 1  
(Cini, Chapter 5)
- Thurs 10/07      Theories of Integration  
*Readings:*  
(Cini, Chapters 6, 7 & 8)

### **Part III: Government**

- Tues 10/12      Executive Politics  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapter 2  
McCormick, Chapters 5, 6 & 9  
(Cini, Chapters 9 & 10)

Thurs 10/14 &  
Tues 10/19      Legislative Politics  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapter 3  
McCormick, Chapter 7  
(Cini, Chapter 11)

**WRITTEN BRIEF #1 DUE IN CLASS 10/19**

Thurs 10/21      Judicial Politics  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapter 4  
McCormick, Chapter 8  
(Cini, Chapter 12)

**Part III:  
Politics in the EU**

Tues 10/26      Public Opinion  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapter 5

Thurs 10/28      Political Parties and Elections  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapter 6  
McCormick, pages 217-233

Tues 11/02      Interest Representation  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapter 7  
McCormick, pages 233-239  
(Cini, Chapter 13)

**Part IV:  
Policy**

Thurs 11/04      Economics, Part I  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapters 8 & 9  
McCormick, Chapters 11 & 12

Tues 11/09      Economics, Part II  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapter 10  
(Cini, Chapter 20)

**WRITTEN BRIEF #2 DUE IN CLASS 11/09**

Thurs 11/11 **VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY – NO CLASS**

Tues 11/16 Agricultural, Environmental and Social Policy  
*Readings:*  
McCormick, Chapters 13 & 14  
(Cini, Chapters 16 & 17)

**Part V:  
Topics**

Thurs 11/18 Issues: Citizenship, Democracy, Security  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapter 11  
(Cini, Chapters 23 & 25)

Tues 11/23 The EU and the World  
*Readings:*  
Hix, Chapter 12  
McCormick, Chapters 15 & 16  
(Cini, Chapter 15)

Thurs 11/25 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – NO CLASS**

Tues 11/30 EU Expansion  
(Cini, Chapter 14)

**WRITTEN BRIEF #3 DUE IN CLASS 11/30**

Thurs 12/02 Future of the EU and Conclusion  
*Readings:*  
Hix, "Conclusion"  
McCormick, "Conclusions"

\*\*\*\*\* **MONDAY 12/06**\*\*\*\*\*  
**FINAL EXAM**  
**1:30 – 3:18**