EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW
FIRST TERM, ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-2011

SCHEDULE

Monday, 17:15 - 18:30
Tuesday, 17:15 - 18:30
Wednesday, 17:15 - 18:30

FIRST BLOCK. EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

The first bloc of the course introduces the main historical, economic, institutional and social aspects leading to the current developments of the European Union and its policies. The course is designed for students with a good background in economic history in general and some knowledge of international trade theory and policy analysis. It is based on lectures and some limited compulsory readings. Other readings are suggested for further analysis. Whenever is scheduled, the student is expected to work compulsory readings previous to lectures. The latter are conceived as the time to discuss the evidence shown in the readings and derive conclusions.

Session 1
Introduction to the course and to the topic

Session 2
The Reconstruction of Western Europe

Compulsory reading:

Recommended readings:


**Session 3**

The European Coal and Steel Community: the origins of European integration

Compulsory reading:


Recommended readings:


**Session 4**

The Treaty of Rome establishes a common market

Compulsory readings:


Recommended readings:


**Session 5**

Enlargement and neighbourhood policy

Compulsory reading:


Recommended reading:


**Session 6**

The Community institutional system (1ª part)

Compulsory reading:


Recommended reading:


Recommended websites:

[www.europa.eu/index_en.htm](http://www.europa.eu/index_en.htm) for the list of all EU institutions.

[www.europarl.eu](http://www.europarl.eu)


**Session 7**

The Community institutional system (2ª part)

Compulsory reading:


Recommended reading:

Recommended websites:

www.europa.eu/index_en.htm for the list of all EU institutions.
www.europarl.eu
www.consilium.europa.eu
http://ec.europa.eu/

Session 8
Mid-term exam

Session 9
Class correction of the mid-term exam.

Session 10
The Budget of the European Union

Compulsory reading:


Recommended reading:


Session 11
The EU Regional Policy: sustainable growth and employment

Compulsory reading:


Recommended reading:

Session 12

The Common Agricultural Policy: Preservation and management of natural resources

Compulsory readings:


Recommended readings:


Recommended website:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/index_en.htm

Session 13

External relations: The EU as a global player

Compulsory readings:


Session 14

The European Monetary Policy: the ECB and Euro

Compulsory reading:


Recommended readings:
Session 15 and last

Conclusions, comments and questions

Compulsory reading:


Websites:

- Descriptions of EU institutions (and much more) can be found on the European Parliament’s website: http://www.europarl.eu.int/factsheets/default_en.htm

- The Commission’s website is less well organized (it is organized by bureaucratic departments, but since the task-allocation is partly political, the organization can seem ad hoc), but has a lot of very up-to-date information on various programmes. The best way to find things is to use www.google.com typing in the subject (e.g. competition policy) and “European Commission” in quotes.

- The History Department of Leiden University maintains a good site on EU history in its broadest sense. The index also contains many links to European institutions, etc. Many original documents can be download (e.g. the Treaty of Rome) by following the links: http://www.let.leidenuniv.nl/history/rtg/res1/index.htm

- Key dates of post-war economic integration in Western Europe can be downloaded from: http://www.europa.eu.int/abc/history/index_en.htm


- The European Union’s official history of European Integration can be found at: http://www.europa.eu.int/abc/history/index_en.htm
SECOND BLOCK. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW: GATT-WTO

The second block of the course introduces the main historical, institutional and practical aspects leading to the development of the International trade institutions GATT and WTO. The course is designed for students with some knowledge of history in general and some knowledge of international trade theory and policy analysis. It is based on lectures and some limited research. Readings are also suggested for further analysis. Whenever they are scheduled, these readings will serve to discuss certain topics and help to derive conclusions.

Session 1

Introduction to the course and to the topic

Session 2

The institutionalization of the Post war economic model; Bretton Woods conference

Compulsory reading:


Recommended readings:

- Maria Ávila, A. [et. al.] “La OIC” en Regulación del comercio internacional tras la Ronda Uruguay, Tecnos, 1994, pp. 34 ss.


Session 3

The General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs: origins and characteristics

Compulsory reading:


Recommended readings:


Recommended website:

See [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org) for a history of GATT.

### Session 4

The material content of GATT: principles, mechanisms and safeguards

**Compulsory reading:**


**Recommended readings:**


**Recommended website:**

See [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org) for principles, mechanisms and safeguards of GATT.

### Session 5

From GATT to WTO: the Uruguay Round

**Compulsory reading:**


**Recommended readings:**


### Session 6

The WTO: a new institutional framework for international trade

**Compulsory readings:**

- The WTO in Brief, printed by WTO, 2008.

- 10 benefits of the WTO trading system, printed by WTO, 2008.
- 10 common misunderstandings about the WTO, printed by WTO, 2008.

Recommended reading:


Recommended website:

- [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org)

**Session 7**

The material content of the WTO

Compulsory readings:

- The WTO in Brief, printed by WTO, 2008.
- 10 benefits of the WTO trading system, printed by WTO, 2008.
- 10 common misunderstandings about the WTO, printed by WTO, 2008.

Recommended reading:


Recommended website:

- [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org)

**Session 8**

Mid-term exam

**Session 9**

Class correction of the mid-term exam

**Session 10**

The dispute settlement mechanism in WTO

Compulsory reading:

- Settling disputes, printed by WTO, 2008.
- The United States clean-air rule vs. Venezuela’s oil exports, printed by WTO, 2008.

Recommended reading:

Recommended website:
- www.wto.org

Session 11
Facing present and future challenges. The Doha Agenda negotiations (1\textsuperscript{st} part)

Compulsory reading:

Recommended reading:

Recommended website:
- The Doha Agenda (www.wto.org)

Session 12
Facing present and future challenges. The Doha Agenda negotiations (2\textsuperscript{nd} part)

Compulsory reading:

Recommended reading:

Recommended website:
- The Doha Agenda (www.wto.org)
Session 13

The Fair Trade alternative

Compulsory reading:
- The World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO), “Where did it all begin?”

Recommended reading:

Session 14

Trade between blooming countries: BRIC

Compulsory reading:
- The Times, "Brazil, Russia, India and China form bloc to challenge US dominance", June 17, 2009
  http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_americas/article6514737.ece

Recommended reading:

Session 15 and last

Conclusions, comments and questions
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Evaluation criteria

Regular-term and September evaluation

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<td>Final exam</td>
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Important Notes

1. In the September evaluation, the grades earned during the term (participation and mid-term exam) are kept to compute the average grade of the course and, therefore, the September examination accounts for 50 % of the final grade.

2. Mid-term exam is compulsory. In case of not attendance for justified and documented reasons, its grade is accumulated to the final exam. In case of not attendance without justified or documented reasons, the grade is 0 points.

3. In case of not attendance to the final exam, both in the regular or the September evaluation, the overall grade of the course is “Not Attended”.

4. The final exam, both in the regular and the September evaluation, is a comprehensive exam of both parts of the course: 1) European Integration, and 2) Economic and International Economic Law.