European Union Law and Economic integration

Language of Instruction: English
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Course Contact Hours: 45
Recommended Credit: 6 UPF credits-5 ECTS credits
Course Prerequisites: None
Course Language Requirements: None

Course Description

This course will provide a basic overview of the European Union. This overview will include the history of European integration from legal, institutional and economic perspectives, the basic structure and institutions of the EU today, the policy-making procedures and the EU's current and future challenges.

The course will not assume a background in law.

Learning Objectives

Students will become familiar with some of the key issues surrounding EU law in Europe.

Course Workload

Students will be given weekly reading assignments, and are expected to come to class prepared to discuss them. There will also be a writing project and a final examination.

Methods of Instruction

The course will consist of interactive lectures between the instructor and students.

Grading Method

Midterm exam: 20%
Final exam: 40% (comprehensive)
Research Paper: 30%
Class participation: 10%

Classroom Norms:

- No food or drink is permitted in the classrooms.
- Students will have a ten-minute break during each hour session.
SYLLABUS

NOTE: THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EACH CHAPTER WILL DEPEND ON THE CLASS DISCUSSION.

CHAPTER 1 - A LONG EUROPEAN JOURNEY OF INTEGRATION: FROM THE TREATY OF ROME TO THE PRESENT (Weeks 1, 2 and 3)

1.1 The post-WWII Reconstruction of Western Europe, 1945-51
1.2 The Golden Age of European Capitalism, 1951-73
1.3 The European response to economic and political crisis, 1973-92
1.4 The European response to globalization, 1992-2005
1.5 Theories of European integration. The constitutional process in the EU. The Treaty of Lisbon

CHAPTER 2 - EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR ROLES (Week 4 and 5)

2.1 The European Council
2.2 The European Commission
2.3 The European Parliament
2.4 The EU decision-making procedures

CHAPTER 3 - MAKING, INTERPRETING, AND ENFORCING EU LAW (Weeks 6 and 7)

3.1 The European Council
3.2 The European Commission
3.3 The European Parliament
3.4 The EU decision-making procedures

CHAPTER 4 – THE DRAFTING OF THE EU CONSTITUTION (Week 8)

CHAPTER 5 - ECONOMIC AND MONETARY INTEGRATION (Weeks 9 and 10)

5.1 The creation of a single market: problems and effects of market Integration
5.2 Competition Law
5.3 Monetary Policy
5.4 European Labor Markets. Productivity convergence vis-à-vis the United States
5.5 External Trade Relations. Common Foreign and Security Policy

CHAPTER 6 - THE FIRST CRISIS WITH THE EURO: CURRENT CHALLENGES. (Week 11)
FINAL WEEK - Discussion of Student Projects

Students will give a presentation which the class as a whole will then discuss.

Reading Assignment: Each student will be responsible for reading the other papers within his or her topic group and will also be assigned a paper from one of the other topic groups.

FINAL EXAM

REQUIRED READINGS:

Course reading pack prepared by the professor and scheduled according to the syllabus.