EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

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

FIRST BLOC. EUROPEAN INTEGRATION
Instructor, Ph.D. Lucia Coppolaro

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 compulsory readings. Other readings are suggested for further analysis. 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:
Tuesday 26 September
Introduction to the course

Session 2:
Wednesday 27 September
The Bretton Woods System: organising the world economy
Recommended reading:

Recommended websites:
www.imf.org
www.worldbank.org

Session 3:
Monday 2 October
A multilateral trading system: GATT

Compulsory readings:


Recommended readings:

Recommended website:
www.wto.org

Session 4:
Tuesday 3 October
The European policies of ‘reconstruction’

Recommended readings:


Session 5
Wednesday 4 October
A regional trading system: the EEC

Recommended reading:

Recommended website:  
[http://www.europa.eu.int/abc/history/index_en.htm](http://www.europa.eu.int/abc/history/index_en.htm)

Sessions 6 & 7
Monday 9 October and Tuesday 10 October
The European Community/Union institutions

Compulsory reading:

Recommended website:  
[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 8:  
Wednesday 11 October 
The Common Agricultural Policy

Compulsory reading:

Recommended readings:  


Recommended website:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/index_en.htm)

Session 9
Monday 16 October
Student oral presentations on U.S. agricultural protectionism and the convenience or inconvenience of agricultural protectionism, to be followed by a class debate.

Recommended website:
www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome

Session 10
Tuesday 17 October
The EC in world trade: between protectionism and liberalism

Recommended readings:


Recommended website:
http://ec.europa.eu/trade/index_en.htm

Session 11
Wednesday 18 October
The collapse of the fixed-exchange monetary system

Recommended readings:


Session 12
Monday 23 October
The European monetary response: the snake and the EMS

Compulsory reading:

Recommended reading:

Session 13
Tuesday 24 October
The tortuous path towards the Single European Market

Recommended reading:

Recommended website:
http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/index_en.html

Session 14
Wednesday 25 October
Mid-term exam

Session 15
Monday 30 October
Class correction of the mid-term exam

Session 16
Tuesday 31 October
European monetary integration before the common currency

Compulsory reading:

Recommended readings:


Session 17
Monday 6 November
The European Monetary Policy: the ECB and Euro

Compulsory reading:
Session 18
Tuesday 7 November
The social policy of the European Union

Recommended reading:

Sessions 19 & 20
Wednesday 8 November and Monday 13 November
Other EU policies: how much they matter?
Student oral presentations and class debates

Recommended website:
www.europa.eu

Session 21
Tuesday 14 November
How does the European Union expand?

Recommended reading:

Session 22
Wednesday 15 November
The European Union in the American mirror: productivity divergence in the last twenty years

Recommended readings:

Session 23
Monday 20 November
Student oral presentations on what the European Union is and what is not, to be followed by a class debate.

Last session
Tuesday 21 November
Conclusions, comments and questions

SECOND BLOC. INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC LAW
Instructor, Ph.D. Claudia Jiménez

Sessions 1&2
The GATT and the WTO systems: General overview.
Special agreements: Agricultural products, textiles and clothing.
Exceptions to the GATT and the WTO rules.

Sessions 3&4
International Competition Rules.
Agreement on Trade in Services: The GATS.
Intellectual Property..
The WTO Dispute Settlement System as an Instrument of the Commercial Policy of the EC’S.

Sessions 5&6
The EC and world trade law.
The importance of trade in services.
Towards a new global round of trade negotiations
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

The course is composed of two blocs and each one is graded separately. The student must obtain, for each part of the course, a minimum grade of 4 out of a 10-point total.

The following criteria are used to determine the final grade of the course:

- The EUROPEAN INTEGRATION bloc represents 80% of the final grade.
- The INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW bloc represents the remaining 20%.

In order to pass the course, it is necessary to have a final grade of 5 out of a 10-point total.

If the student gets less than 4 points in at least one bloc, the above criteria do not apply. If this is the case, the student will fail the course and his/her final grade will be the lowest of the two blocs.

Each bloc will grade according to the following:

EUROPEAN INTEGRATION BLOC

| Class preparation and participation | 30% |
| Mid-term exam                        | 30% |
| Final exam                           | 40% |

Mid-term exam encompasses the syllabus’ first 13 sessions. This exam is compulsory. Thus, those not taking the mid-term exam will obtain a 0 in that part. Only a justified absence – to be determined by ESCI academic
personnel – will authorise the student to take the final at a 70% of the final grade instead of the general 40%.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

Final exam 100%

Despite having two blocs, this course will have a unified final.

The September grade will be given 100% out of the corresponding written exam. At that point, instructors will not take into account any other previous grade due to participation or mid-term evaluation.