



Course Code IREL-613	Course Title The EU and the World	ECTS Credits 7.5
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester	Prerequisites IREL-570
Type of Course Elective	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) Professor Michael Attalides, Professor Andreas Theophanous and Dr Christina Ioannou
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

This course will explore the changing role of the EU on the world stage. As a dominant global trade actor, with an ever increasing role on issues of human rights, development aid, environmental affairs, as well as a growing political and strategic presence worldwide, the EU is progressively recognised as a significant partner to other major actors in world affairs and as an actor in its own right. The objective of this course is to delve into the key issues which affect and determine the Union's international role and identity. This is achieved by first examining how the limited role that countries of Europe came to assume in the immediate aftermath of the Second World War's catastrophe and the onset of the Cold War was to a considerable extent restored with the development, growth and maturity of the EEC/EU. The growing global influence of the organisation will thus be examined by exploring key areas, such as trade and economic policy, enlargement, neighbourhood policy, human rights, development policy, humanitarian aid, Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), as well as European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP). Against this background, the course assesses the EU's relations with its peripheries as well as with the rest of the world, and critically evaluates the challenges facing the organisation today.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Illustrate an understanding of the evolution of the changing context of pre- and post-Cold War realities in Europe.
2. Evaluate and criticize the complexity of the EU's governance system in a comparative context.
3. Demonstrate knowledge for the process of European economic integration and appreciate the emergence of the EU as an economic global actor.
4. Assess the importance of the EU as a 'soft power'.
5. Evaluate 'soft power' politics by studying the EU's development aid policy, neighbourhood policy, as well as enlargement and membership conditionality.
6. Illustrate an appreciation of the international role of the EU in environmental affairs and assess the problem of energy dependence in the EU.
7. Critically appraise the EU's common foreign and security policy as well as its security and defence policy.

8. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the EU's transatlantic relations, its role as an actor and its presence in world affairs.
9. Discuss and critically evaluate future prospects and challenges in the dynamics of cooperation and further integration in Europe.

Course Contents:

1. The changing context of pre- and post-Cold War realities
2. The EU's system of governance in a comparative context
3. Economic integration in Europe: The EU as a global economic actor
4. The EU as a 'soft power'
5. The EU as an international trading bloc
6. European development policy and humanitarian aid
7. Environmental and energy policy: Energy dependence in the EU
8. Enlargement and EU membership conditionality
9. The EU's neighbourhood policy
10. CFSP and ESDP
11. The EU and the USA: Transatlantic relations
12. The EU: An international organisation or an emerging state?
13. Challenges and future prospects

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussion, Presentation and Assignments

Assessment Methods:

Class Participation and Presentations	20%
Final Examination	40%
Term Paper (due date:)	40%

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Bretherton, Charlotte and Vogler, John	The European Union as a Global Actor	London: Routledge	2006	

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Bache, Ian and George, Stephen	Politics in the European Union	Oxford: Oxford University Press	2006	978199276585
Cini, Michelle	European Union Politics	Oxford University Press	2007	978-0199281954

Gillingham, John	European Integration 1950-2003: Superstate or New Market Economy?	Cambridge University Press	2003	9780521012621
Joseph S. Joseph	Turkey and the European Union	Palgrave MacMillan	2006	9780230005495
Marsh, Steve and Hans Mackenstein	The International Relations of the European Union	NC: Duke University Press	2003	
Nugent Neil	The Government and Politics of the European Union	New York: Pearson Longman	2005	
Simon Bromley	Governing the European Union	Sage Publications	2001	9780761954613
Theophanous Andreas, Sperling James and Papacosma S. Victor	Turkey and Europe: High Stakes, Uncertain Prospects	University of Nicosia Press	2008	