



Course Code IREL-570	Course Title European Integration	ECTS Credits 7.5
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Elective	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer(s) Professor Michalis Attalides: Dr Christina Ioannou
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

The objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the process of European Integration in its historical and theoretical dimensions and of its multidimensional repercussions on the nation-state, the international political and economic environment, as well as the prospects for security, prosperity and cooperation in Europe and beyond. Through the exploration and analysis of the cold war and post-cold war environment, students will appreciate the twin process of European deepening and widening of the EU, from a Community of 6 states to a Union of 27. They will also develop in-depth knowledge of the development of the EU in its existing three pillar structure and trace the evolution of the EU through its institutional mechanisms. The general theories of European integration and the theories of European governance that have been advanced to understand the EU will also be explored. Within this framework, students will address issues and problems in the European integration process and in an interdependent world more generally and will be able to evaluate the future prospects for the European integration process and the importance of the EU as a global actor.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the driving forces behind moves to integrate Europe in the 20th century.
2. Discuss and critically evaluate the dynamics of cooperation and integration in Europe.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the process of 'European Integration' and assess how this has been conceptualised and how it has been achieved in practice.
4. Analyse the development of the European Coal and Steel Community, the European Economic Community and, eventually, the European Union.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the key literatures on theories of European governance as relevant to the study of the European Union and be able to analyse main characteristics and key aspects.
6. Distinguish between the three pillars of the EU and assess the capabilities and the capability gaps of the organisation in each of these three pillars.
7. Explain the functioning of the EU's institutional arrangement, and be able to evaluate it in terms of institutional balance.

8. Evaluate and assess the process of policy-making in the EU from agenda-setting to implementation.
9. Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of Democracy in relation to the European Union and make an assessment about the EU's democratic deficit.

Course Contents:

1. Historical Background
2. The History of the European Community
3. The Single Market
4. From the Single European Act to the Maastricht Treaty
5. The Three Pillars of the EU
6. European Union
7. EU Institutions and the Policy-Making Process
8. Theories of Integration: Neo-Functionalism, Intergovernmentalism
9. New Theories of European Integration
10. Federalism and Federation
11. The EMU and the Euro
12. Problems in the Integration Process: Democratic Deficit and Euroscepticism
13. The Challenge of Enlargement and the Position of Europe in the World
14. The Role of the EU in the world and the future of the Union

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussion, Presentation and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Class Participation and Presentations, Final Examination, Term Paper.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Cini, Michelle, (MC)	European Union Politics	Oxford University Press	2007	978-0199281954

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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
Cowles Maria Greene and Desmond Dinan	Developments in the European Union	Palgrave McMillan	2004	9780333961698
Dinan Desmond	Ever Closer Union: An Introduction to European Integration	Palgrave McMillan	1999	9780333961711

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 McMillan	2006	9780230005495
Mary Farrell, Stefano Fella and Michael Newman	European Integration in the 21st Century – Unity in Diversity?	Sage Publications	2002	9780761972181
Nelsen Brent F. and Stubb Alexander	The European Union: Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration	Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc.	2003	9781588262318
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	