

International Relations of Europe
INR 3214-U01A
Department of Politics and International Relations
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Summer A – 2009
Class Time: M & W 9:30AM – 12:15PM
Classroom: GL 132

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At the beginning of the twenty-first century, one of the most significant developments in international relations is the important and growing role of the European Union (EU) as a global player in contemporary world politics. But what exactly is that role, how does the EU manage its relations with the external world and what identity does the EU wish to present to that world? In other words, what sort of international actor is the EU? These are questions that analysts and scholars have grappled with since the formal creation of the EU at Maastricht in 1991 and will serve as the overarching thematic questions that will guide the direction of this course.

The purpose of the course is to provide an introduction to the EU's role and identity as a global actor. This will be accomplished by engaging three thematic sections. First, we will review the historical origins and institutional evolution of the EU from its beginnings to the present in the context of regional integration theories. The second part of the course will focus on key external policy areas of the EU, specifically the CFSP and ESDP, the enlargement of the EU, the European Neighbourhood Policy, the area of Justice and Home Affairs, the promotion of democracy, human rights and development, and the Union's global economic and trade policies. In the third section of the course, we will discuss the EU's relations with the rest of the world, including the relationship with the United States, Russia, China, Africa, and Latin America.

Required Course Texts

1. Marsh, S. and Mackenstein, H. (2005). *The International Relations of the European Union*. Pearson Longman.
2. McCormick, J. (2008). *Understanding the European Union: A Concise Introduction*. Palgrave Macmillan (4th Edition).
3. Articles and book excerpts posted on CE6.
 - Cottey, A. (2007). *Security in the New Europe*. Palgrave Macmillan.
 - Howorth, J. (2007). *Security and Defence Policy in the European Union*. Palgrave Macmillan.
 - Keukeleire, S. & MacNaughtan, J. (2008). *The Foreign Policy of the European Union*. Palgrave Macmillan.
 - Pollack, M. (2005). In Wallace, H., Wallace, W. & Pollack, M. *Policy-Making in the European Union*. Oxford University Press.
 - Keohane, D. (2008). The Absent Friend: EU Foreign Policy and Counter-Terrorism. *Journal of Common Market Studies*. 46 (1) 125-46.
 - Manners, I (2002). Normative Power Europe: A Contradiction in Terms? *Journal of Common Market Studies*. 40 (2) 235-58.

- Sjursen, H. (2006). What Kind of Power? *Journal of European Public Policy*. 13(2) 169-81.
- Hyde-Price, A. (2006). “Normative” power Europe: a realist critique. *Journal of European Public Policy*. 13(2) 217-34.
- Scheiper, S & Sicurelli, D. (2007) Normative Power Europe: A Credible Utopia? *Journal of Common Market Studies*. 45(2) 435- 57.

Students are required to read all the material prior to the class period for which it is assigned.

Students are also expected to participate in class discussions and activities and turn in all assigned work.

Course Expectations

1. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. All work for this course must be the student's own. Please refer to the Student Handbook for the FIU Undergraduate Honor Code. **Anyone guilty of academic dishonesty will fail the course and might be reported to the university.**

2. **Attendance is mandatory.** Students are expected to arrive on time. Once the class has started, students are expected to stay in until the end of the class period. Coming and going will not be accepted.

3. **Turn off your cell phones and other electronic devices (iPods, pagers, sidekicks, etc.)** Do not take cell phone calls since it is extremely disruptive to other students. Do not make disturbing noises during the class or play games on your laptop. Your laptop should only be used to take notes. In extreme cases, students will be asked by the instructor to leave the classroom.

4. **Incompletes will not be given** unless the student, in good standing (with a grade of C or better in previous course work) has a documented medical reason for not fulfilling the course. The student must inform the instructor of the problem and submit proper documentation prior to the end of the semester.

5. Students with special needs must make arrangements with the Office of Disability Services so that your needs can be accorded. Please make such arrangements within the first week of class. **Students with disabilities are invited to meet with the instructor** to discuss special accommodations that may be needed for your successful participation in class.

Class Requirements and Grading Policy

Exam 1 (May 20 th)	30 %
Exam 2 (June 17 th)	30%
Short Paper (June 15 th)	20%
Participation	20%

Exams: There will be two exams. These exams will consist of short answer questions and essays. **No make-up exams will be allowed** unless the student is able to provide proof of a medical emergency. **The make-up exam will be completely essay.**

Short Paper: Students shall write a short paper (4-5 pages) on the EU’s relations with a specific state or area of the world. A detailed assignment sheet will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Class Participation: While absences and lateness will have a negative impact on the final grade, participation in discussion and contributions to class will have a positive impact on the final grade. Attendance and participation is worth 20% of the total grade.

Supplementary assignments for extra credit points might be given at the discretion of the instructor.

A= 100 – 95
B+ = 89 - 85
C+ = 79 – 75
D+ = 69 – 65
F = below 60

A- = 94- 90
B = 84 – 80
C = 74 – 70
D = 64 – 60

Note: The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus as needed. Students will be given advance written notice of any such changes.

Course Outline (Class Topics and Readings)

Class 1 (05/4/09)

Introduction to the course

- ✓ Instructor's expectations, review of the syllabus, and general introductions.

I. The Historical Origins and Institutional Evolution of the EU

Class 2 (05/06/09) – “What is Europe?” - Conceptualizing the EU and European Integration – Theories and Identities

Readings: McCormick (Chpts 1 & 2)
Pollack, M (15-26) **CE6**

Class 3 (05/11/09) – Historical Perspectives

Readings: McCormick (Chpt 3)
Marsh & Mackenstein (Chpt 1)

Class 4 (05/13/09) - The Institutions of the EU and the Actors in the EU's Foreign Policy System

Readings: McCormick (Chpt 4)
Keukeleire & MacNaughtan (pp 66- 97) **CE6**

Class 5 (05/18/09) – Policymaking in the EU

Readings: McCormick (Chpt 5)
Keukeleire & MacNaughtan (pp 98-123) **CE6**

Class 6 (05/20/09) *** EXAM 1*******

(05/25/09) *** MEMORIAL DAY.... NO CLASS *******

II. External Policy Areas of the EU

Class 7 (05/27/09) – EU Foreign Policy – CFSP/External Relations

Readings: Keukeleire & MacNaughtan (pp 8 -34) **CE6**
Keukeleire & MacNaughtan (pp.148-173) **CE6**
Marsh & Mackenstein (Chpt 3)

Class 8 (06/01/09) – The Security and Defense of Europe - ESDP

Readings: Keukeleire & MacNaughtan (pp 174-198) **CE6**
Howorth (pp 1-10) **CE6**
Cotter (pp 5-31) **CE6**

Class 9 (06/03/09) – The External Relations (Economic and Trade Policies) of the EU: The Euro-Med, the ENP and the ACP Relations

Readings: Marsh & Mackenstein (Chpts 7 & 9)
Keukeleire & MacNaughtan (pp 255-297) **CE6**

Class 10 (06/08/09) – Normative Power Europe?

Readings: Manners, I (2002). Normative Power Europe: A Contradiction in Terms? *Journal of Common Market Studies*. 40 (2) 235-58 **CE6**
Sjursen, H. (2006). What Kind of Power? *Journal of European Public Policy*. 13(2) 169-181. **CE6**
Hyde-Price, A. (2006). “Normative” power Europe: a realist critique. *Journal of European Public Policy*. 13(2) 217-234 **CE6**
Scheiper, S & Sicurelli, D. (2007) Normative Power Europe: A Credible Utopia? *Journal of Common Market Studies*. 45(2) 435- 57 **CE6**

III. Europe and the World

Class 11 (06/10/09) –The EU and the U.S.: A Revived Transatlantic Relationship?

Readings: Marsh & Mackenstein (Chpts 4 & 5)
Cotter (58-78) **CE6**

Class 12 (06/15/09) – The EU, Terrorism and the Rise of the Illiberal Powers

Readings Marsh & Mackenstein (Chpt 8)
Cotter (102-122) **CE6**
Keohane, D. (2008). The Absent Friend: EU Foreign Policy and Counter-Terrorism.
Journal of Common Market Studies. 46 (1) 125-146 **CE6**

Class 13 (06/17/09)

EXAM II