



Political Science 343

Politics of Europe

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Course Overview

The purpose of this course is to familiarize you with the politics of Europe, not on a country by country basis, but in a truly comparative way. We will study various aspects of European politics including domestic political and political economic institutions and the process of European integration. For each topic we will compare a range of European countries, but, following the textbook, we will focus on several European countries in more detail.

Course Expectations and Responsibilities

1. Attendance is required, and absences will adversely affect the participation grade. If you miss more than 4 classes without proper University documentation, your **overall** course grade will be lowered by 1/2 letter grade per absence. But attendance is only one component of successful participation. The course follows a seminar/lecture format, and much of the course will be spent discussing the readings and relevant current events. Your primary responsibilities will be to come to class on time and be prepared to engage in discussion and ask questions about the material.
2. Reading the required assignments, about 40-50 pages per session. Your written work for the course needs to demonstrate familiarity with and understanding of the literature by making references to the readings. In addition to the academic literature, you should follow current events in the *Economist*, which is available at the library and, on the SU network, via their website <<http://www.economist.com/printedition/>>. I will also post PDF versions in blackboard. Pay particular attention to the Europe and Britain sections.
3. During the semester there will be five short, unannounced quizzes. The lowest grade will be dropped. The quizzes will cover reading assignments indicated on the day of the quiz and any significant current events in Europe from that week's *Economist*. An unexcused absence on a quiz day means you get a zero on that quiz.
4. You will complete two out of the three possible writing assignments. Each section of the class--- political institutions, political economy, and European integration---will have a paper assignment available. More detailed instructions for each assignment will be distributed during class, at least one week prior to the due date. Written assignments are due, in hard copy form, at the beginning

of the class session listed in the syllabus. Late assignments will be penalized 1/2 letter grade for each 24 hour delay.

5. There will be a mid-term and a final exam. The in-class final exam will be on May 9, 8-10am. For the final exam, you will receive a study guide covering the course material during the final class session. Both exams will have an essay and several short answer questions.

Learning Outcomes

This course has three goals:

1. To help you understand European politics.
2. To help you understand the variety of political and political economic institutions in Europe.
3. To help you develop better analytical, research, and writing skills.

Evaluation

Quizzes (4)	10%
2 Short Papers (4-5 pages, maximum)	30%
Mid-Term Exam	20%
Final Exam (cumulative)	30%
Participation	10%

Academic Integrity

The Syracuse University Academic Integrity Policy holds students accountable for the integrity of the work they submit. Students should be familiar with the Policy and know that it is their responsibility to learn about instructor and general academic expectations with regard to proper citation of sources in written work. The policy also governs the integrity of work submitted in exams and assignments as well as the veracity of signatures on attendance sheets and other verifications of participation in class activities. Serious sanctions can result from academic dishonesty of any sort.

For more information and the complete policy, see <http://academicintegrity.syr.edu>.

This class will be using Turnitin. Via blackboard, each student will submit all papers that you write in this class to Turnitin, a service that identifies “matched text.” Using Turnitin, you will be given the opportunity to view your Originality Report and check that all sources you have used are properly acknowledged and cited. Note that all submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers in the future. Also, <http://www.plagiarism.org> is a useful website for tips on citations and other writing resources.

Statement Regarding Disability-Related Accommodation

If you believe that you need accommodations for a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), <http://disabilityservices.syr.edu>, located at 804 University Avenue, room 309, or call (315) 443-4498 for an appointment to discuss your needs and the process for requesting accommodations. ODS is responsible for coordinating disability-related accommodations and will issue students with documented disabilities “Accommodation Authorization Letters,” as appropriate. Since accommodations may require early planning and generally are not provided retroactively, please contact ODS as soon as possible.

Religious Observances Policy

SU’s religious observances policy, found at http://supolicies.syr.edu/emp_ben/religious_observance.htm, recognizes the diversity of faiths represented among the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holy days according to their

tradition. Under the policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes. For fall and spring semesters, an online notification process is available through MySlice/Student Services/Enrollment/My Religious Observances from the first day of class until the end of the second week of class.

Required Books

Gallagher, Michael, Micahel Laver, Peter Mair. 2011. Representative Government in Modern Europe. 5th edition. McGraw-Hill. (ISBN: 0077129679) (abbreviated GLM)
 McCormick, John. 2011. Understanding the European Union: A Concise Introduction. 5th edition. Palgrave Macmillan. (ISBN: 0230298834) (abbreviated McC)

The remaining readings are available via blackboard, as designated in the syllabus.

Meeting and Assignment Schedule

1. Introduction and Overview (Wednesday 1/18)

2. Welcome to Europe (Monday 1/23)

GLM Ch. 1 (pages 1-22)
 McC Ch. 2 "The Idea of Europe" (pp. 24-47)

I. Domestic Political Institutions

3. Parliaments & Presidents (Wednesday 1/25)

GLM Ch. 2 (pp. 23-46)

4. Legislatures (Monday 1/30)

GLM Ch. 3 (pp. 47-83)

5. Electoral Systems (Wednesday 2/1)

GLM Ch. 11 (pp. 366-411)

Supplementary reading:

Cox, Gary. 1997. Ch. 3 "On Electoral Systems." *Making Votes Count*. New York, Cambridge UP, 37-68.

Blais, André and Louis Massicotte. 2002. "Electoral Systems." In *Comparing Democracies 2: New Challenges in the Study of Elections and Voting*, eds. Lawrence LeDuc, Richard Niemi, and Pippa Norris. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage, 40-69.

6. Discussion of West European Elections (Monday 2/6)

Electoral Studies ' Notes on Elections [BLACKBOARD] (Choose 2 to review):

Austria 2008	Greece 2009	Portugal 2009
Belgium 2010	Hungary 2002	Romania 2008
Bulgaria 2009	Ireland 2011	Slovakia 2010
Czech Republic 2010	Italy 2008	Slovenia 2004
Denmark 2005	Latvia 2010	Spain 2008
Estonia 2007	Lithuania 2008	Sweden 2010
Finland 2007	Netherlands 2010	Switzerland 2007
France 2007	Norway 2005	United Kingdom 2010
Germany 2009	Poland 2007	

Supplementary reading:

GLM Ch. 7 (pp. 195-237)

7. Parties as Organizations (Wednesday 2/8)

GLM Ch. 10 (pp. 326-365)

8. European Party Systems and Political Cleavages (Monday 2/13)

GLM Ch. 8 (pp. 238-277) & parts of Ch. 9 (pp. 278-288)

9. Party System Change (Wednesday 2/15)

GLM remainder of Ch. 9 (pp. 288-325)

Supplementary readings:

Dalton, Russell J. 2005. Ch. 8 "The Social Bases of Party Support" *Citizen Politics*. 4th ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 148-176. [BLACKBOARD]

Dalton Ch. 9 "Partisanship and Electoral Behavior" (pp. 177-200) [BLACKBOARD]

Institutions Paper Due 2/20

10. Governments and Coalitions (Monday 2/20)

GLM Ch. 12 (pp. 412-457)

11. Federalism & Bureaucracy (Wednesday 2/22)

GLM Ch. 6 (pp. 164-194)

12. Politics Inside and Outside Parliament (Monday 2/27)

GLM Ch. 13 (pp. 458-478)

13. Do Institutions Matter? (Wednesday 2/29)

GLM Ch. 14 (pp. 479-497)

14. Mid-Term (Monday 3/5)

II. Political Economy

15. Political Economy (Wednesday 3/7)

O'Neill, Patrick H. 2010. Ch. 4 "Political Economy." In *Essentials of Comparative Politics*, 3rd ed. New York: W. W. Norton and Company, pp. 77-108. [BLACKBOARD]

Spring Break (No Class - 3/12 and 3/14)

16. National Systems of Political Economy (Monday 3/19)

Gilpin, Robert. 2001. part of Ch. 7 "National Systems of Political Economy." In *Global Political Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp. 148-183.

17. Political Economies of UK, France, Germany and Italy (Wednesday 3/21)

"Political Economy and Development" chapters from Mark Kesselman et al. 2008. *European Politics in Transition*. 5th ed. New York: Houghton Mifflin [BLACKBOARD]

-Britain (pp. 51-70)

-France (pp. 119-130)

-Germany (pp. 193-208)

-Italy (pp. 267-280)

-East-Central Europe (pp. 417-430)

18. Cross-National Differences: Three Worlds of Welfare (Monday 3/26)

- Esping-Andersen, Gøsta. 1990. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton UP, 9-34. [BLACKBOARD]
- Pierson, Paul. 1996. "The New Politics of the Welfare State." *World Politics* 48 (January): 143-179. [BLACKBOARD]

Supplementary reading:

- Ferrera, Maurizio, Anton Hemerijck, and Martin Rhodes. 2003. "Recasting European Welfare States." In *Governing Europe*, eds. Jack Hayward and Anand Menon. New York: Oxford UP, 346-366. [BLACKBOARD]

19. Comparing U.S. and European Welfare States (Wednesday 3/28)

- Alesina, Alberto, Edward Glaeser, and Bruce Sacerdote. 2001. "Why doesn't the United States Have a European-Style Welfare State?" *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity* No. 2, 187-254. Discussion (pp. 255-272) is optional. [BLACKBOARD]

Supplementary reading:

- Alesina, Alberto and Edward Glaeser. 2006. *Fighting Poverty in the US and Europe: A World of Difference*. New York: Oxford University Press.

20. Convergence (Monday 4/2)

- Garrett, Geoffrey. 1998. "Global Markets and National Politics: Collision Course or Virtuous Circle?" *International Organization* 52.4 (Autumn): 787-824. [BLACKBOARD]
- Gilpin, Robert. 2001. part of Ch. 7 "National Systems of Political Economy." In *Global Political Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp. 183-195. [BLACKBOARD]

Political Economy Paper Due 4/4**21. Europe's Economic Crisis (Short-Run and Long-Run) (Wednesday 4/4)**

*Articles below available online via the links or in [BLACKBOARD] in pdf

"A Slow-Burning Fuse." June 25, 2009. *The Economist*.

http://www.economist.com/printedition/displaystory.cfm?story_id=13888045

"Scrimp and Save." June 25, 2009. *The Economist*.

http://www.economist.com/specialreports/displaystory.cfm?story_id=13887853

Shorto, Russell. 2008. "No Babies?" *The New York Times Magazine* June 29.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/29/magazine/29Birth-t.html>

CHOOSE at least one of the following:

Lewis, Michael. 2009. "Wall Street on the Tundra." *Vanity Fair* April.

Lewis, Michael. 2010. "Beware of Greeks Bearing Bonds." *Vanity Fair* October.

<http://www.vanityfair.com/business/features/2010/10/greeks-bearing-bonds-201010.print>

Lewis, Michael. 2011. "When Irish Eyes Are Crying." *Vanity Fair* March.

<http://www.vanityfair.com/business/features/2011/03/michael-lewis-ireland-201103.print>

Lewis, Michael. 2011. "It's the Economy, Dummkopf!" *Vanity Fair* September.

<http://www.vanityfair.com/business/features/2011/09/europe-201109.print>

Supplementary reading:

- Blanchard, Olivier. 2004. "The Economic Future of Europe." *The Journal of Economic Perspectives* 18.4 (Autumn): 3-26. [BLACKBOARD]

III. European Union

22. Regional Integration (Monday 4/9)

McC Ch. 1 "What is the European Union?" (pp. 1-23)

Selections from Nelsen, Brent F. and Alexander Stubb, eds. 2003. *The European Union. Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration*. 3rd ed. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers. [BLACKBOARD]

-Stanley Hoffman. "Obstinate or Obsolete? The Fate of the Nation-State and the Case of Western Europe." (pp. 163-177)

-Bela Balassa. "The Theory of Economic Integration." (pp. 179-191)

-Andrew Moravcsik. "The Choice for Europe." (pp. 239-253)

23. Origins of the European Union (Wednesday 4/11)

McC Ch. 3 "The Evolution of the EU" (pp. 48-73)

Selections from Nelsen and Stubb, eds. 2003. [BLACKBOARD]

-Winston S. Churchill. "The Tragedy of Europe." (pp. 7-12)

-Jean Monnet. "A Ferment of Change." (pp. 19-26)

-Margaret Thatcher. "A Family of Nations." (pp. 49-54)

-Jacques Delors. "A Necessary Union." (pp. 55-64)

24. Institutions (Monday 4/16)

McC Ch. 4 "The European Institutions" (pp. 74-97)

GLM part of Ch. 5 (pp. 116-139)

25. Policy-Making and Economic Integration (Wednesday 4/18)

McC Ch. 6 "The EU Policy Process" (pp. 123-147)

McC Ch. 7 "Economic Policy" (pp. 148-171)

GLM part of Ch. 5 (pp. 139-151)

European Integration Paper Due 4/23

26. Beyond the Open Market (Monday 4/23)

McC Ch. 8 "Managing Resources" (pp. 172-195)

McC Ch. 9 "The EU and the World" (pp. 196-218)

Birol, Yeşilada A. and David M. Wood. 2010. Ch. 6 "Enlargement of the European Union." In *The Emerging European Union*. 5th ed. New York: Longman, pp. 71-87.

[BLACKBOARD]

27. Democratic Deficit (Wednesday 4/25)

McC Ch. 5 "The EU and its Citizens" (pp. 98-122)

Moravcsik, Andrew. 2002. "In Defence of the 'Democratic Deficit': Reassessing Legitimacy in the European Union." *Journal of Common Market Studies* 40.4: 603-624.

[BLACKBOARD]

28. The Future of the EU (Monday 4/30)

GLM part of Ch. 5 (pp. 151-159)

Fischer, Joschka, Jacques Chirac, Tony Blair, and Paavo Lipponen. 2003. "Reflections on a Constitution for Europe." In Nelsen and Stubb, eds., 69-88. [BLACKBOARD]

Final Exam (Wednesday, May 9, 8-10am)