Syllabus for History 3307/01 -TR – 11:00 – 12:15 - SO 2023
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TEXT:
European Integration: A Concise History, Rowan and Littlefield and A Beginner's Guide to the EU, Alasdair Blair, Oneworld, both required

COURSE OBJECTIVE:
Successful completion of this course should provide the student with a basic understanding of the European Union and its place in the modern world as both rival and ally of the United States.

COURSE INFORMATION
This course examines the history and politics of European integration during the twentieth century, studying both the people and nations involved the development of a united Europe. It will provide an in depth look at the history, institutions, economic policy and integration theory of the European Union as well as the current issues facing the union, social and cultural as well as political and economic and environmental. Intro to the European Union is also the core class for the Certificate Program in EU Studies. The EU is Georgia’s closest economic and cultural partner and all 27 EU members have representatives in Atlanta. This class offers an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about the political, economic and cultural dynamics of the new united Europe. This is a wonderful time to study the EU as after smooth sailing for decades, it has run into some turbulent waters.

WITHDRAWALS AND INCOMPLETES
The last date to withdraw from a course WITHOUT PENALTY is March 13 however, in order to officially withdraw from a course, a student MUST go online and fill out the necessary form. If a student stops attending a class and doing the coursework without notifying the Registrar, he or she will automatically receive a WF. Only special hardship cases may be permitted to receive a grade of W after October 11 (instead of the WF) and then only with the approval of the Registrar.

The grade of incomplete (I) will only be given to students who have completed at least 75% of their coursework, including a majority of their quizzes and their paper with a grade of C or better but are unable to complete the rest of their work for non-academic reasons beyond their control. An incomplete may also be assigned if a student misses the final exam and is otherwise in good standing.

If you are concerned about your grade point average in the class or your coursework, assignments and tests, please talk to your teacher without delay. These problems can usually be worked out.

Assignments:
Article Assignment: Students must locate an article concerning the EU every full week of class starting Thursday January 24 and ending Thursday, April 11, except Thursday February 7 and Thursday March 7. The articles may come from a scholarly magazine, The Economist or from one of the newspaper/periodical web sites listed in the syllabus. The
articles may relate to the aspect of the EU that will be discussed during that week or they can all be on a particular EU country or topic or just random articles that you find interesting and informative. Each article must be accompanied by a typed paragraph consisting of a brief summary and analysis of its contents. We will try reserve 10 minutes of class time every week for a short discussion of the week's article contents. Instructor will provide a folder and listing of the weeks articles must be submitted. Articles must be handed in on the due date each week for full credit (always a Thursday).

Main Written Assignment, Country Report: Each student is required to write a detailed report providing historical, economic, geographic, political, environmental, educational, social, cultural,(this includes religion, literature and music, food, tourism, etc) demographic and military information on one of the 27 member nations of the EU and additional applicant countries if needed, including Turkey and Croatia. The report should be written in essay format with statistics included in an appendix. The final portion of the report will be an analysis of how membership in the EU has affected that country and what changes are likely to occur in the future in its relationship with other countries in the EU. Each student is required to make a brief power point presentation highlighting the most important elements of his/her report (approximately 10 -15 minutes long). The presentations will begin after the fourth week of class, in the order in which each country joined the EU. You must be ready to present on your assigned date.

Original Members (1957): Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands
1st Enlargement (1973): Britain, Denmark, Ireland
2nd Enlargement (1981): Greece
3rd Enlargement (1986): Spain, Portugal
4th Enlargement (1995): Austria, Finland, Sweden
5th Enlargement (2004): Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Estonia, Slovenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Cyprus, Malta
Remaining Candidate Countries: Turkey, Croatia, Bosnia and several others.

The final draft of your report including a copy of your PPT is due after it is presented in class for full credit.

Tests
There will be both a midterm and final exam composed of essay and objective questions.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:
Students are expected to attend scheduled classes. If a student has a valid reason for missing class, he or she should inform the instructor. In addition, students are strongly encouraged to participate in class discussions. We will take attendance.

ACADEMIC HONESTY and STUDENT CONDUCT:
The high quality of education at Kennesaw State University is reflected in the credits and degrees its students earn. The protection of these high standards is crucial since the validity and equity of the University’s grades and degrees depend upon it. Any student found guilty of an infraction or a regulation for academic honesty shall be suspended for at least one semester unless evidence is provided to convince the court that substantial mitigating circumstances existed in that student’s offense.
The following regulations are designed to assist students in developing appropriate standards and attitudes with respect to academic honesty. To this end, the regulations protect students against infractions that may compromise the validity of their degree or place them at an undue disadvantage with respect to the equity of their grades.
A. Plagiarism and Cheating
NO student shall receive, attempt to receive knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit as part of a course (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.) When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated; when the languages, ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged.

B. Unauthorized Access to Official University Materials
NO student shall take or attempt to take, steal, or in an unauthorized manner otherwise procure, gain access to, alter or destroy any material pertaining to the conduct of a class (including tests, examinations, grade change forms, grade rolls, roll books, laboratory equipment, university grade records in written or computerized form, etc.) For further information on Academic honesty see the Student Code of Conduct in the current Catalog of Kennesaw State University.

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**All country reports are due two weeks after your PP presentation, no exceptions. For full credit, papers must be turned in by this date.**

Weekly Reading Assignments and Lecture Topics:

Thursday– January 10
Introduction – Historic attempts at the integration of Europe

TR – January 15 - 17
What kind of Union?

TR – January 22 - 24
The founders

TR – January 29 - 31
Constructing the European Community
The institutions of the European Union

TR – February 5 - 7 (No class, will attend GAH to give presentation)
Institutions continued.
TR – February 12 - 14
Organized Interests, Institutions continued.
**EU Country Reports begin this week.**

TR – February 19 - 21
First enlargement countries

TR – February 26 - 28
What is the result of enlargement?
Midterm Exam, February 28

TR – March 5 - 7 Spring Break
Reports resume March 12

TR – March 12 - 14
Reports Resume

TR – March 19 - 21
Policies of the EU

TR – March 26 - 28
EU security and NATO

TR – April 2 - 4
Reports begin again, read GSE, 5th and 6th enlargements

TR – April 9 - 11
Widening vs. deepening

TR – April 16 - 18
Europe and the world Cultural Issues, National Identity and minorities –

TR – April 23 - 25 - What does the future hold for the relationship of the EU and the United States?

TR – April 30
Catch-up - last day of class.

**Selected EU Web sites**

EUROPA ([http://europa.eu.int](http://europa.eu.int)) The EU web server; especially important for current news
are links to EU News ([http://europa.eu.int/geninfo/whatsnew.htm](http://europa.eu.int/geninfo/whatsnew.htm)).

Delegation of the European commission to the US ([http://www.eurunion.org](http://www.eurunion.org)). Especially
important for current news are links News ([http://www.eurunion.org/news/index.htm](http://www.eurunion.org/news/index.htm)) and
What’s New. ([http://www.eurunion.org/whatsnew/index.htm](http://www.eurunion.org/whatsnew/index.htm)).

Other EU Web sites:
The Week in Europe([http://www/cec/org.uk/pubs/we/indes.htm](http://www/cec/org.uk/pubs/we/indes.htm)). The office of the European
commission in the UK provides weekly updates of EU news going back several years.

European Newswire Sites:
Reuters Headlines (http://www.yahoo.co.uk/headlines/european/) summarizes news from Europe.
CNN Interactive (http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/europe/) also provides news from Europe. The Washington Post (http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/inatl/europe.htm) provides links to recent Associated Press articles about particular countries (including the European Union) as well as other relevant information.

European Newspaper Web Sites:
NEWSLINK (http://www.newslink.org/) is a comprehensive guide to European newspapers, magazines and other media.
News Resource (http://newo.com/news/) from NeWo provides links to newspapers and online news services.

Newspapers:
European Voice: A Weekly View of the Union. (http://www.european-voice.com/) Published by the economist Group in Brussels. Excellent summary of week’s news on EU.
Financial Times. (http://www.ft.com/) most important English language newspaper for coverage of EU financial affairs.

**All of the member nations of the EU as well as the applicant countries have web sites which should provide the latest information for your reports as well the EU sites and many of the newspaper sites.**