

EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

IP_325

The University of Economics in Prague

Spring Semester 2017

Lecture Times: Thursdays, 14:30 – 17:45, room RB 203
Office hours: by special arrangement
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Easter Holidays: 13 April (week 9 - no classes)
Midterm Test: 23 March, 14:30 (week 6)
Q & A Session: 27 April (week 11)
Final Exam: 4 May, 14:30 (week 12)

Course Description/Course Objective

This course focuses on wide range of issues related to the European integration process and on the European Union as such. Its main objective is to offer an in-depth overview and analysis of the European integration process from its beginning to the present day. The main method used in the course will be based on lecturing, however, the lectures are primarily designed to provoke and encourage discussion and to create

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a lively atmosphere. Upon successful completion of this course the students should be able to independently present, analyse and discuss issues related to the European integration same as to understand the principal institutional actors of the EU and their respective roles.

Grading Scheme and Course Requirements

Assessment for this course comprises **five** components:

Attendance 22 %

Midterm Test 20 %

Presentation 20 %

Final Exam 36 %

Activity in the class 2 %

1. Lecture attendance and participation (22 %)

Attendance is **mandatory** from February 20 onwards. There are two classes each Thursday over the period of eleven weeks, in other words, 22 classes in total. Attendance to each class counts as one point.

Only two **excused** absences (two classes NOT(!) two days) will be tolerated without any penalties. Please note that the third absence will already lower your final score by one point within the attendance component.

Absence on any exam day, presentation day or excursion day will NOT be tolerated unless you are medically excused, in which case you will have to provide me with doctor confirmation.

2. Midterm Test (20 %)

It will be written during the class in week 6 and it will consist of the following components:

blind map of Europe (8 points)

short answer questions (6 points)

multiple choice questions (6 points)

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3. Presentation (20 %)

Students will be paired up in the first class and each pair will give one presentation either in week 8 or in week 11 depending on their topic. These are timed 20-minute maximum presentations followed by Q&A. The students doing the presentation are expected to take questions, pose questions and facilitate discussion for the rest of the class.

Each presentation should be accompanied by a hand-out of 2 pages A4 maximum, distributed in paper form to students in the class. Powerpoint facilities may be used.

Presentations and hand-outs shall be send to me (in electronic form) in advance by Sunday Apr 2 NOON (applies for those presenting in week 8), or by Sunday Apr 23 NOON (applies for those presenting in week 11). Penalties for late submission apply, 1 point for each day the presentation past the deadline.

Presentations will be assessed according to the following criteria: quality of presentation submitted in a timely manner, understanding of core concepts, engagement with literature and the content of hand-outs, as well as capacity to respond to questions and ability to facilitate the discussion. Students in the pair will always receive the same score. NB those students who will not be present on the day of their presentation will be penalised individually.

4. Final Exam (36 %)

It will be written during the class in week 12 and it will consist of the following components:

blind map of Europe (8 points)

short answer questions (10 points)

multiple choice questions (8 points)

essay-type question (10 points)

5. Activity in the class (2 %)

Students are expected to be engaged in the class and to be active participants in all class discussions.

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Final Grade

100 – 90	excellent	A
89 – 75	very good	B
74 – 60	good	C
59 and less	fail	F

Outline

Week 1 (Feb 16)

Introduction to the Course
Introduction to the European Integration

Week 2 (Feb 23)

Milestones in the Development of the European Integration I.

Week 3 (Mar 2)

Milestones in the Development of the European Integration II.

Week 4 (Mar 9)

EU Institutional Framework and Decision-Making Process I.

Week 5 (Mar 16)

EU Institutional Framework and Decision-Making Process II.

Week 6 (Mar 23)

Midterm Test
The Legal Order of the EU

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Week 7 (Mar 30)

Excursion t.b.c.

Week 8 (Apr 6)

EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy

Students' Presentations

For this class you have to sign up for one of the below regions and source at least two research articles about the topic that you will circulate to others and present it in class:

1. *Union for the Mediterranean*
2. *Black Sea Synergy and Central Asia Strategy*
3. *Eastern Partnership*
4. *Northern Dimension*

Week 9 (Apr 13)

Easter Holidays - No classes

Week 10 (Apr 20)

Economics of the European Integration I.

Week 11 (Apr 27)

Economics of the European Integration II. : Students' Presentations

For this class you have to sign up for one of the below trade topics and source at least two research articles about it that you will circulate to others and present it in class:

1. *EU-USA (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership - TTIP)*
2. *EU-Canada (Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreements - CETA)*
3. *EU within the WTO*
4. *EU-Japan*
5. *EU-Brazil*
6. *Generalised Scheme of Preferences + (GSP+)*

Revision and Q&A Session

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Week 12 (May 4)

Final Exam

Future of the European Integration?

Week 13 (May 11)

Exam Assessment

Debate t.b.c.

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