

The Politics of European Integration

Penn State Summer Programme 2007

Course Goals:

This course intends to give students a better understanding of the history and politics of the process of European integration. It will also introduce to students the important institutions and some of the most prominent policies of the European Union today.

The course is divided in a number of different topics. First of all the history of European integration is looked at. Secondly the institutions of the European Union are examined. The third part examines decision-making and policies. The final part looks at the different member states, and their influence in the European Union, enlargement rounds and the new Treaty establishing a European Constitution.

Grades:

This course will be assessed with a 3-hour examination consisting of essay questions. The exam will be graded on a 1 – 10 scale. Attendance is mandatory and 5% will be reduced from the final grade for each missed session.

Texts:

- I. Bach and S. George, *Politics in the European Union*, 2nd Edition, OUP, Oxford, 2006.

Course Schedule:

Thursday, June 14	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction and overview of the subject matter• History of European Integration• Possible outcome of Integration <p><u>Readings:</u> Bach & George Part 2 (79-227)</p>
Monday, June 18	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture with Economics Professor
Tuesday, June 19	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The European Commission• The (European) Council <p><u>Readings:</u> Bach & George chapters 18,19 and 20</p>
Wednesday, June 20	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The European Parliament.• The European Court of Justice <p><u>Readings:</u> Bach & George chapters 21 and 22</p>
Thursday, June 21	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decision making process. <p><u>Readings:</u> Bach & George chapter 18.</p>
Monday, June 25	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nature of EU Law. <p><u>Readings:</u> Bach & George chapter 22</p>

Tuesday, June 26	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal Market I <u>Readings:</u> Bach & George, chapter 26
Wednesday, June 27	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal Market II <u>Readings:</u> Bach & George chapter 26.
Thursday, June 28	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common Agricultural Policy. (together with econ) <u>Readings:</u> Bach & George chapter 25
Monday, July 2	09.00am -12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enlargement I <u>Readings:</u> Bach & George, Chapter 31
Tuesday, July 3	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enlargement II <u>Readings:</u> Bach & George, Chapter 31.
Wednesday, July 4	09.00am-12.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Treaty Establishing a European Constitution, Towards a United States of Europe?; Theories of European Integration <u>Readings:</u> Bach & George, chapters 1 and 17.
Thursday, July 5	09.00am-12.00am (EXAM)