

Identification	Subject	INTR 504 Europe in World Politics 6 ECTS	
	Department	Political Science and Philosophy	
	Program	Undergraduate	
	Term	Fall 2025	
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Prerequisites	Consent of instructor		
Language	English		
Compulsory/Elective	Required		
Required textbooks and course materials	Core textbooks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jonathan Olsen, John McCormick, The European Union: Politics and Policies, Routledge, 2021.Antonina Bakardjieva Engelbrekt, Niklas Bremberg, Anna Michalski, Lars Oxelheim, The European Union in a Changing World Order, Palgrave Macmillan, 2020 Supplementary sources: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Dinan, Desmond, Origins and Evolution of the European Union (The New European Union Series, Oxford University Press, 2006)Christopher Piening, Global Europe - The European Union in World Affairs-Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2023Lewis, David W. P., The Road to Europe: History, Institutions and Prospects of European Integration 1945-1993 (1993, Peter Lang)Christopher Piening, Global Europe:The European Union in World Affairs, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1997Dinan, Desmond: Europe Recast: A History of European Union, London, Palgrave,2001		
Course outline	The course designed for graduate students and focuses on Europe's role in shaping international relations. The course explores key aspects of transnational actors with an emphasis on the European Union's historical development and influence in global affairs.		
Course objectives	This course aims to explore the role of Europe in world politics, with a focus on the EU as a global actor. It examines the ongoing debate within the EU on further integration, and analyzes the potential impact of these discussions on the European Union's relations with external actors, including the South Caucasus.		
Learning outcomes	By the end of the course the students should be able: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyze the role and influence of Europe in global politicsEvaluate the key debates within the EU, such as integration,Understand and assess the historical and contemporary trends shaping Europe's relations with external actors		
Teaching methods	Lecture		x
	Group discussion		x

	Experiential exercise		
	Simulation		x
	Case analysis		x
	Course paper		x
	Others		
Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam	To be determined by the Dean's Office	30
	Attendance	During the semester	5
	Presentation	1 Nov – 28 Dec	15
	Group Discussion	During the semester	10
	Final Exam	To be determined by the Dean's Office	40
	Total		100
Policy	<p>▪ Preparation for class The structure of this course makes your individual study and preparation outside the class extremely important. The lecture material will focus on the major points introduced in the text. Reading the assigned chapters and having some familiarity with them before class will greatly assist your understanding of the lecture. After the lecture, you should study your notes and work relevant problems from the end of the chapter and sample exam questions.</p> <p>▪ Withdrawal (pass/fail) This course strictly follows grading policy of the School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences. Thus, a student is normally expected to achieve a mark of at least 65% to pass. In case of failure, he/she will be required to repeat the course the following term or year.</p> <p>▪ Cheating/plagiarism Cheating or other plagiarism during the Quizzes, Mid-term and Final Examinations will lead to paper cancellation. In this case, the student will automatically get zero (0), without any considerations.</p> <p>Presentation We appreciate an ability of students prepare a well-structured essay and present it effectively in class. The presentation should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An original research of the students. • Written according to the international standards with introduction, internal parts, conclusion, and used special literature. • Limited in size (10 -12 pages/Times New Roman - 12). • The accompanying presentation should be 15-20 minutes in length. A list of potential presentation topics will be provided to you by lecturer. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group discussion Students' activity during classes will be evaluated on the basis of their participation in discussions on various topics during the lesson. The instructor will make notes after each discussion and will evaluate students' activities before the final exam. ▪ Professional behavior guidelines The students shall behave in the way to create favorable academic and professional environment during the class hours. Unauthorized discussions and unethical behavior are strictly prohibited. 			
Tentative Schedule			
Week	Date/Day (tentative)	Topics	Textbook/Assignments
1	20.09.2025	Introduction to the Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics of European Integration • Main aspects of the Syllabus 	Course Syllabus
2	27.09.2025	Europe after WWII <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European projects during World War II • European cooperations after 1945, Formation of the European Communities 	Dinan, Ever Closer Union, Chapters. 2-3
3	04.10.2025	Stagnation and Renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Single European Act and Maastricht • Enlargement: Looking North and South • Toward Economic and Monetary Union • Completing the Single Market 	J. Olsen, The European Union: Politics and Policies, Chapter 3
4	11.10.2025	Unity and Upheaval: The Eurozone, the Treaty of Lisbon, and Crises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Enlargement: Looking East • A Constitution by Another Name • The Treaty of Lisbon • The Financial and Debt Crisis • The Migration Crisis 	J.Olsen, The European Union: Politics and Policies, Chapter 4

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Treaties: Amsterdam and Nice • The Euro Arrives • Questions to consider 	
5	18.10.2025	European Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council of Ministers and the European Council • The European Parliament • The European Commission • The Court of Justice of the European • What Does the Future Look Like 	J.Olsen, The European Union: Politics and Policies, Chapter 5-8
6	25.10.2025	Common Foreign and Security Policy after Lisbon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical background of CFSP • Constitutional issues • EU as a Global Actor • Challenges and opportunities • The future of the European foreign policy 	Luigi Lonardo, EU CFSP after Lisbon, Chapter 4
7	01.11.2025	Common Security and Defence Policy in Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civilian Missions and Military Operations • Narrative Overview of EU Missions and Operations • Permanent Structured Cooperation • Other CSDP tools • Solidarity Clause (Article 222 TFEU) 	Luigi Lonardo, EU CFSP after Lisbon, Chapter 5
8	08.11.2025	Midterm Exam	
9	15.11.2025	Between Law and Geopolitics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Geopolitical Reality in Europe • Enlargement as Foreign Policy to Secure Western Europe 	Luigi Lonardo, EU CFSP after Lisbon, Chapter 7

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centre-Periphery Dynamic of Atlanticism and the Mediterranean 	
10	22.11.2025	The European Union in a Changing World Order: What Is at Stake? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geopolitics and Multilateral Institutions in a Changing World Order • How Does a Changing World Order Affect the EU? • Liberal Democracy in a Changing World Order 	Engelbrekt& Bremberg& Michalski& Oxelheim, The EU in a Changing World Order, Chapter 1
11	29.11.2025	European Autonomy in a Changing World Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A World Order in Disorder • The EU's Role in the Liberal World Order • Order, Actorness and Autonomy in Europe • Coherence: EU Cohesion During Disorder • Capacity: Conditions for Implementing EU Policies 	Engelbrekt& Bremberg& Michalski& Oxelheim, The EU in a Changing World Order, Chapter 2
12	06.12.2025	The Challenges to EU Trade Policy in a Changing World Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EU's Trade Policy in a Changing World Order • The Emergence of Global Value Chains: Continued Fragmentation of Global Trade? • The Politicization of Trade Policy: Increasing Interest Among Citizens and the Lack of Confidence 	Engelbrekt& Bremberg& Michalski& Oxelheim, The EU in a Changing World Order, Chapter 4
13	13.12.2025	Migration and the European Welfare State in a Changing World Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration to Europe: An Overview • The Debate on Migration and the Welfare State • The Economic Consequences of Immigration • A Divided Labor Market in Europe 	Engelbrekt& Bremberg& Michalski& Oxelheim, The EU in a Changing World Order, Chapter 7

14	20.12.2025	The EU Foreign and Security Policy in a Mediatized Age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitalization, “Fake News” and the Mediatization of Politics • Mediatization of the EU’s Foreign and Security Policy • From European Security Strategy to Global Strategy for the EU • Media Logic and Political Logic in the Solana and Mogherini Strategies 	Engelbrekt& Bremberg& Michalski& Oxelheim, The EU in a Changing World Order, Chapter 8
15	27.12.2025	Populism as a Challenge to Liberal Democracy in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Populist Parties and European Integration • The Challenge: Populists in the EU Institutions and Member states • Responding to the Challenge of Populist Parties 	Engelbrekt& Bremberg& Michalski& Oxelheim, The EU in a Changing World Order, Chapter 9
	TBA	Final Exam	

This syllabus is a guide for the course and any modifications to it will be announced in advance.