Politics of the European Union
POLI 4074

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2) Some topics and lectures for this course may require additional readings from academic sources (such as book chapters from alternate textbooks) and news media sources (news articles) selected by the instructor. Academic sources are listed on the Lecture Topics appendix. News media sources will be selected as we approach the relevant topic. Readings other than your textbook can be found on the course Moodle site in .pdf format for download.

Graded Items

Composition of Course Grade
Scores for each graded item will be based on a range of 0-100, and weighted according to the table below.

Graded Item	Percentage of Grade (Weight)
Attendance	15%
Participation (in-class)	5%

Letter grade	Score				
A+	100-97	A	96-94	A-	93-90
B+	89-87	B	86-84	B-	83-80
C+	79-77	C	76-74	C-	73-70
D+	69-67	D	66-64	D-	63-60
F	<60				

Course Policies & Expectations

Note on Participation and Preparation
This course is structured to facilitate student learning through lecture, discussion, and at-home assigned reading. Students are expected to come to class prepared and ready to engage in material comprehension, as well as ready to participate in discussions concerning the week's topics. This means that assigned readings should be completed before each class meeting. Students should frequently check the course Moodle page in order to access additional readings or supplemental materials posted by the instructor at an ongoing basis. Furthermore, exams will consist of material provided in lectures, assigned readings, and any supplemental materials provided to the student

Diversity
Diversity is fundamental to LSU's mission and the University is committed to creating and maintaining a living and learning environment that embraces individual difference. Cultural inclusion is of highest priority.

Special Accommodations
LSU is committed to providing adequate accommodations to all students with documented and approved disabilities. As per University policy, special accommodations approved by LSU Disability Services will be incorporated into individual student learning, and will remain confidential. Eligible students should contact Disability Services (115 Johnson Hall, 225-578-5919), so that proper documentation can be processed. Eligible students should also notify the instructor as soon as possible.

General Statement on Academic Integrity
Louisiana State University adopted the Commitment to Community in 1995 to set forth guidelines for student behavior both inside and outside of the classroom. The Commitment to Community charges students to maintain high standards of academic and personal integrity. All students are expected to read and be familiar with the LSU Code of Student Conduct and Commitment to Community, found online at www.lsu.edu/saa. It is your responsibility as a student at LSU to know and understand the academic standards for our community.

Students who are suspected of violating the Code of Conduct will be referred to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability. For undergraduate students, a first academic violation could result in a zero grade on the assignment or failing the class and disciplinary probation until graduation. For a second academic violation, the result could be suspension from LSU. For graduate students, suspension is the appropriate outcome for the first offense.

Plagiarism
Students will refrain from plagiarizing the academic property of others and to utilize appropriate citation method for all coursework. For this course, it is recommended that you use the APSA

LECTURE TOPICS
(in order of class discussion)

Topic I. European Union Overview

This section provides a brief overview of the key tenets of the European Union (EU), including introductory remarks on historical origin, core institutions, role of national governments, policy areas, and the EU's role in the contemporary political world.

Required Reading: Cini & Borragan 2016 [on Moodle]
News Articles

Topic II. Historical Context of the EU

This section provides a historical survey of the evolution of the EU from its economic origins (1940s1950s) to its current political form.

Required Reading: Textbook, Chapter 1
News Articles

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Topic VII. Key Actors in the EU [Part I]

Topics of discussion include the public & political participation, as well as the types of interest groups and their role in the EU system.

Required Reading: Textbook, Chapter 5 & Chapter 6

DATE	CLASS TYPE	GRADED ITEM/SPECIAL
Aug 20	Syllabus / Course Outline	First Class Meeting
Aug 22	Lecture	-
Aug 24	Lecture	-
Aug 27	Lecture	-
Aug 29	Lecture	-
Aug 31	Lecture	-
Sept 3	*No Class*	Labor Day
Sept 5	Lecture	-
Sept 7	Lecture	Quiz #1
Sept 10	Lecture	-
Sept 12	Lecture	-
Sept 14	Lecture	-
Sept 17	Lecture	-
Sept 19	Lecture	-
Sept 21	Lecture	-
Sept 24	Lecture	-

Oct 1	Lecture	-
Oct 3	Review Session	-
Oct 5	*No Class*	Fall Holiday
Oct 8	Examination Period	MIDTERM EXAM
Oct 10	Lecture	-
Oct 12	Lecture	-
Oct 15	Lecture	-
Oct 17	Lecture	-
Oct 19	Lecture	-
Oct 22	Lecture	-
Oct 24	Lecture	-
Oct 26	Lecture	Quiz #3
Oct 29	Lecture	-
Oct 31	Lecture	-
Nov 2	Lecture	-
Nov 5	Lecture	-
Nov 7	Lecture	-
Nov 9	Lecture	-
Nov 12	Lecture	Extra Credit Assignments Due
Nov 14	Lecture	Quiz #4
Nov 16	Tentative	See Instructor