The University of Oklahoma
College of Continuing Education
Advanced Programs – Course Syllabus

Course Title:
Politics of the European Union

Course Number:
IAS 5213-221

Course Description:
The European Union is a cooperative effort that involves most of the democratic countries of Western
Europe. Its major objective is to create one common market by integrating the economies of each
member state. Over time, it has also evolved into a transnational system of government. Some of the
institutions that govern the community already have challenged the sovereign prerogative of governments
in the member-states. This course will examine the emergence of this international enterprise. We will
study the historical process of European integration. We will then examine the institutions that currently
govern the community and will strive to understand the tensions that result when the interests of the
sovereign member-states clash with the efforts of the European Union leadership to harmonize the
activities of member governments. Finally, we will attempt to assess where the Union is likely to go as it
admits new members and grows beyond its current size.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:
Dates: December 10-15, 2011
Location: Ramstein, Germany. Classes held in Bldg. 2784, Room 301, Kapaun Air Station.
Hours: Tue-Fri 6:00-9:30 p.m.; Sat-Sun 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: November 11, 2011

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the
class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each
class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the Follett/AP Bookstore located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900
Asp Ave., Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahomaunion.bkstr.com or by telephone
at 866-369-9713 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-5960 (outside the U.S.). E-mail orders may be sent to
oklahomaunion@bkstr.com. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Monday through
Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Friday. Summer hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Faxed orders may
be placed 24 hours a day to 866-223-5607 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-1557 (outside the U.S.).


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**Course Objectives:**

In this course, student should accomplish the following:

- develop an awareness of the historical issues that led to the founding of the European Union;
- understand the process of European integration;
- understand the institutional composition of the EU and how those institutions operate; and
- assess the role and future prospects of the EU as a global actor.

**Course Outline:**

I. Overview and Introduction to the European Community
II. Theoretical Attempts to Understand European Integration
III. History of the Idea of Europe
IV. The Legislative Institutions of the European Union
V. Executive Power in the European Union
VI. The Importance of Law
VII. Policy Formulation in the EU
VIII. The Single Market and Competition
IX. The Euro and Monetary Integration
X. The EU as a Regulatory State
XI. Organized Interests and Lobbying
XII. Political Parties and Elections
XIII. The EU and External Relations

**Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:**

There will be three graded assignments for this class. The first is a pre-class assignment, due immediately upon the first class meeting. The second will be a series of in-class writing assignments, quizzes, if you will. These will be drawn from the daily discussion topics, and will be distributed throughout the week. The fourth assignment will be a final, in-class essay exam on the last day of the class.

Instructions for the Pre-class Essay: Write a typed, double-spaced essay of 1000-1500 words. Using William Hitchcock’s *The Struggle for Europe*, identify three of the original goals for European integration. Assess how successfully the EU has, in its current form, met any of these goals. Which goals have been met, and what led to successful accomplishment of these goals? Which have not, and what factors have led to their frustration?

Grading: This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

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**NOTICE:** Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

Accommodation Statement

The College of Continuing Education [Advanced Programs] is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your OU Site Director.

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course.

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INSTRUCTOR VITA

Robert H. Cox

Education

- Ph.D. Political Science, Indiana University, 1989
- M.A. West European Studies, Indiana University, 1988
- B.Phil Interdisciplinary Studies, Miami University, 1983

Current Positions

- Advanced Programs Professor since 1990 (year of first AP course taught)
- Director, School of International and Area Studies
- Co-Editor, Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration and Institutions

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

European Politics, Social policy, Globalization

Representative Publications and Presentations


Honors and Awards Received

- President of the Board, United Nations Association in the USA, Oklahoma City Chapter, 2006-2007.
- Board of Experts. Itinera Institute (a policy think tank based in Brussels, Belgium), 2006-present
- Phi Beta Delta, Gamma Sigma Chapter, 2005
- Dobro Slovo, National Slavic Honor Society, Honorary Member, 2005.
- Dissertation Chair, Nathalie Gagnere, Winner of the APSA”s Aaron Wildavsky Award for the Best Dissertation on Religion and Politics, September 1999.
- Visiting Professor, Department of Public Administration, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, Spring Semester 1996
- Fulbright Fellow to Roskilde University, Denmark, Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, 1995.
Major Professional Affiliations

- Fulbright Association (lifetime member)
- American Political Science Association
- Organized Section on Politics and Society in Europe
- Organized Section on Politics and History
- Council for European Studies
- European Union Studies Association
- International Political Science Association
- Research Section 27 on the Structure and Organization of Government
- Amnesty International
- United Nations Association of the United States, Oklahoma City Chapter