Preliminaries

Course aims and objectives

The general aim of this course is to provide students with a critical understanding and comprehensive knowledge of the politics and public policy making processes of the European Union. Particular attention will be paid to European institutions and the EUs main policy areas. At the end of this course it is expected that students will have a detailed understanding of: how the EU institutions work, how public policy is formed and theoretical characterisations of the policy making process.
Course Structure and Tutorials

Lectures will take place twice a week and students will attend one tutorial approximately fortnightly. There are 4 tutorial groups for PO3680. Each meets at the following times/rooms for the specified Teaching Weeks, TW, for Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Sign up sheets will be found on the 3rd floor bulletin boards of 1 College Green. There is a maximum number of 20 allowed for each group and places are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

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Readings and Attendance

The readings are very important: students are reminded that this course only works if every student (a) completes the assigned reading before class and (b) attends classes and participates in tutorial discussions. In addition, you should also keep informed by reading a regular news source (e.g. The Economist, The Financial Times, RTE News.)

Grading

Grades will be based on the following 2 forms of evaluation:

- Two essays. These essays will count as 25% of the overall mark. Essays should be *no longer* than 2500 words in length with word count included, typed, double spaced, with a reasonable margin, with footnotes and bibliographies. Topics and due dates will be announced later.

- An annual exam. The annual exam counts 75%.

Please note that plagiarism will lead to automatic failure and will be reported with the probability of severe penalties likely to ensue. All late work, unless excused in advance by the course lecturer, or justified by medical certificate or tutor’s note, will be penalised at a rate of 5 marks per working day. However, under no circumstances will work be accepted after the set work has been marked and handed back to other students, or after the end of second semester.

teaching team to manage the module efficiently. Note that there is also a plagiarism detector on http://www.turnitin.com/. In order to submit your essay on http://www.turnitin.com/, you need to register yourself with http://www.turnitin.com/ registration for the EUP module.

Note the http://www.turnitin.com/ details are different for this semester!

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Recommended Text Purchases


Other texts worth browsing for those new to the EU:


Useful websites


• http://www.euobserver.com/ — a collection of daily news items on EU from across the member states.

Visiting Students

Full-year visiting students are expected to fulfill the same course requirements, in terms of coursework and exams, as Trinity students. Visiting students here for the whole academic year should bear in mind, before making arrangements to return home, that the examination season does not finish until late May. This module is worth 10 ECTS credit modules for students taking this all year.

For those visiting students who may be here for only Michaelmas Term (Term 1) you can receive 5 ECTS credits for taking one term of the course and you will be expected to write two essays. The topics of these two essays are those two discussed in Tutorials during Term 1. Be sure to coordinate this second essay directly with the TA. For those visiting students who may be here for only Hilary Term (Term 2), you can receive 5 ECTS credits and you will be expected to write two essays.

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1 Introductions

1.1 What Does the EU Do?

Required Readings


Recommended Readings


2 Economic Integration

2.1 The Single Market

See http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/internal_market/index_en.htm for the EU Directorate General responsible for the ‘internal market’ (aka ‘single market’).

Required Readings


Recommended Readings


### 2.2 The Rise of the ECJ


**Required Readings**


**Recommended Readings**


### 3 Agricultural Policy


**Required Readings**

  ...OR...


Recommended Readings


4 Pathologies and Potential in the EU?


Required Readings


**Recommended Readings**


5 **Cohesion Policy**


**Required Readings**


**Recommended Readings**


6 **Social Policy**

6.1 The Labour Market

Required Readings


Recommended Readings


6.2 Beyond The Labour Market

Required Readings


Recommended Readings


- Scharpf, F. W. (Forthcoming). The asymmetry of European integration, or why the EU cannot be a social market economy. *Socio-Economic Review*

7 Environmental Policy

See [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/environment/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/environment/index_en.htm) for the EU Directorate General responsible for environmental policy.

Required Readings


Recommended Readings


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### 8 Foreign Policy


#### 8.1 The ‘Good’ News: Trade


**Required Readings**


**Recommended Readings**


8.2 The ‘Bad’ News: Defence and War

**Required Readings**


**Recommended Readings**


9 European Monetary Union


Required Readings


Recommended Readings


10 Financial Crisis

Readings to be announced later in the hope of them remaining topical.