

# Hofstra University



## Department of Political Science

**PSC 133 WI**  
**Politics of the European Union**  
**Fall 2022**  
**MW: 2:40-4:05**  
**Barnard 201**

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### Course Description

The European Union (EU) is a dynamic ever-changing supranational institution composed of twenty-seven member states. The linguistic, cultural and political diversity of member states makes the EU an entity difficult to keep together and a fascinating subject to study. The EU is a challenging topic since its institutions are opaque, complex and constantly changing, and it has become an important global actor assuming responsibilities across many policy areas once the purview of states.

More recently, Europe has faced many crises including: the global pandemic, the rise of the far right (anti-EU political parties within member states), migration crises as well as Brexit, Britain's departure from the EU. As significant political shifts are happening within Europe, what will this mean for Europe's regional integration project?

This course is designed to familiarize students with the history and institutions of the EU, policy areas in which the EU is involved, and the many challenges facing integration. Students will be responsible for keeping abreast of European news so that we can have insightful and thoughtful discussions in class regarding current issues. Students should be aware that since the subject matter is complex, the level of difficulty accordingly is higher than perhaps some other courses you have taken. Also, keep in mind this is a writing intensive course.

### Required Texts

- McCormick, John (2021). *Understanding the European Union: A Concise Introduction*, MacMillan: London.
- *The Economist*

### **Laptop Requirement:**

Students must have a laptop to take exams. Students may use a computer to take notes, but are not allowed to be on social media or surfing the web during class. Classes are not to be recorded or posted on social media. Students who do not utilize their laptops according to class rules will be banned from bringing their laptop until there is an exam.

### **Course Evaluation**

Midterm Exam	15%
Drafts steps of paper	20% (5 steps: 4% points each)
Term Paper (10 pages)	20%
Final Exam	20%
Economist Assignments (x3)	15% (5% each)
Participation	10%

☞\*\*\*Students must complete all assignments in order to pass the course.\*\*\*

### **Course Outline**

#### **Topic 1: September 7: Introduction and Current Events**

##### ***Reading:***

##### **Readings under Course Documents on Blackboard**

*The Economist*, “Europe’s energy crisis will trigger its worst neuroses” *The Economist*, January 15, 2022

--- “As the war in Ukraine drags on, the costs for Europe are mounting.” *The Economist*, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

----"How the EU looks after a decade of horrors," August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Economist Brexit articles from the January 2, 2021 edition*

“The Brexit Deal (1) Britain's Swiss Role”

“The Brexit Deal (2) No longer in Rome”

“The Brexit Deal (3) The Irish Sea Widens”

“How it Happened, When the Music Stopped”

-- Questions to answer while reading Brexit articles are posted.

##### ☞ **Order *The Economist* by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Directions:** Order a student subscription for at least 3 months

**website:** <https://subscribenow.economist.com/student>

\* *contact The Economist Customer Service Department for address changes,*

*distribution problems and inquiries regarding digital access.*  
\*Stop subscription when no longer wanted after the semester

**Topic 2: September 12-October 3: Creation and Evolution of the EU and Integration Theory**

Chapters 1, 2 and 3

☞ **Wednesday, September 21: Economist Assignment**

**Topic 3: October 5-26: Institutions of the EU**

Chapters 4, 5

🌀 **Friday, October 7th- Annotated Bibliography Due**

🌀 **Wednesday, October 12th- Tentative Thesis Statement**

☞ **Monday, October 17th: Second Economist Assignment**

🌀 **Friday, October 21: Thesis Statement and Elaborated Outline**

\*\*\*No in-person class Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> due to department student trip

🌀📖 **Monday, October 31: Midterm Exam**

**Topic 4: November 2-7: Euroscepticism and Democratic Backsliding**

Chapter 5

**Topic 5: November 9-14: Policymaking in the EU**

Chapter 6 and 8

🌀 **Monday, November 14th rough draft #1 (5 pages)**

**Topic 6: November 16-21: EMU and the Euro Crisis**

Chapters 7

☞ **Wednesday, November 16th: Economist Assignment**

**\*\*November 23-27-Thanksgiving Break**

**Topic 7: November 28-30: Schengen and Migration Policy and Crisis**

TBA

 **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: Rough Draft #2 (semi-complete)**

**Topic 9: December 5-7: EU Anti-Discrimination Policy-Gender, LGBTQI and Antisemitism**

TBA

 **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: Final Version of Term Paper**

 **Final Exam: December 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30**

### **Class Policy:**

Students are required to attend class sessions and to actively participate in class. You are responsible for all readings listed in the syllabus or announced during class sessions. This means that students are responsible for material in the texts even if it is not discussed in class. Likewise, students are responsible for material covered in class that is not in the text(s).

**Attendance Policy:** Students should email the professor to explain any absences. **More than 3 unexcused absences will result in a zero-participation grade.** Excused absences are only allowed for medical reasons (ie illness or quarantine) or other special circumstances. If you are ill, please contact the professor in the morning to attend class remotely if able. Remote access to class will **not** be offered on a regular basis.

Promptness is important. Please keep late entrances and early exits to a minimum, it is deemed impolite to enter and exit class during lectures or discussion.

Chronic lateness, sleeping, making no attempt to answer direct questions, showing disrespect to the instructor or fellow students and/or creating any disturbances in class will result in a zero grade for class participation, and could, under certain circumstances, warrant further disciplinary action.

**Cell Phone Policy:** cell phones should not be out. Mobile phones are a distraction from you learning the material. So “disconnect” while you are in class. If you are caught using your mobile phone during class for non-class purposes you will be asked to put it away. The 2<sup>nd</sup> time will result in a **5% final grade reduction.**

**Computer Etiquette:** Your computers should be used to view the class during class time, and to take notes. Students should not be surfing the internet or doing social media. Taping of classes and posting on social media is prohibited. Students who do not utilize their laptops according to class rules will be banned from bringing their laptop until there is an exam.

**Ethics:** Students will be held accountable to standards of ethical academic behavior. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. Please be advised that I check for plagiarized papers. Whatever you submit should be **in your own words**. Direct copying of a text, or even changing a few words here and there, constitute plagiarism. Be sure to cite all sources that you use, not just for direct quotations but also for ideas, facts, and “borrowed” ideas.

I have the right to ask for rough drafts and notes used to write papers if I suspect plagiarism. If a student is unable to produce such information the student will be reported for plagiarism and will be dealt with according to Hofstra University standards.

**Purchasing of papers will not be tolerated.** Be advised that such activity is easily detectable and is not acceptable. Buying papers is unethical and also considered plagiarism.

**Any student who plagiarizes will automatically receive a zero for the assignment and will be reported to the Office of the Provost for further disciplinary actions.**

**Exams:** Make-up exams will not be scheduled unless a reasonable excuse is provided, and only the most difficult of circumstances will be considered. Anyone caught cheating during an examination will be reported to the Provost in accordance with university procedures and will result in failure of the exam and/or course.

**Papers:** Papers are to be handed in via Turnitin on the specified due date. Late papers will be **penalized a half letter grade per day that I do not receive it, weekends are included in the counting of days. No papers will be accepted five days after the due date. Do not e-mail papers—only do so if Turnitin is not working! All papers must be submitted via Turnitin on Blackboard and the date stamp on Turnitin will be considered the date it was received.**

*"I pledge on my honor that I have done this work with honesty and integrity, without giving or receiving unauthorized assistance."*

**Economist Assignments:** Either in-person presentations or Voice Thread assignments will be given based on *The Economist*. Students are required to read *The Economist* on a regular basis and you will be responsible for all articles related to Europe or the EU.

**Seeking Help:** Students are highly recommended to utilize my office hours or to make an appointment. I am always happy to talk to students! It is particularly important to talk to

me if you are having problems following lectures, coping with the texts or having difficulty with an assignment. I would suggest starting assignments early since the due date is too late to bring problems to my attention. I am more than happy to help you understand material or to discuss other academic related concerns. Any problems not brought to my attention will not be considered as an excuse for poor performance.

**SAS:** If you believe you need accommodations for a disability, please contact Student Access Services (SAS). In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, qualified individuals with disabilities will not be discriminated against in any programs, or services available at Hofstra University.

Individuals with disabilities are entitled to accommodations designed to facilitate full access to all programs and services. SAS is responsible for coordinating disability-related accommodations and will provide students with documented disabilities accommodation letters, as appropriate.

Please note that accommodations may require early planning and are not retroactive; please contact SAS as soon as possible. All students are responsible for providing accommodation letters to each instructor and for discussing with him or her the specific accommodations needed and how they can be best implemented in each course. For more information on services provided by the university and for submission of documentation, please contact Student Access Services, 107 Student Center, 516-463-7075.

Additional University Policies:

Information about Academic Dishonesty; Disability Accommodations; Resources for Students who are Pregnant; Temporary Adjustments/Academic Leave of Absence; Deadlines and Grading Policies; Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct; Absences for Religious Observance and specific policies relating to COVID-19 guidelines is available on the Provost's webpage using the link below.

<https://www.hofstra.edu/about/administration/provost/provost-information-for-students.html>

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