

Political Science 173
International Politics of Europe
Fall 2000; Section 1001
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This course examines international politics in one of the most important and dynamic regions in the world: Europe. It will cover the countries of Western Europe, as well as their Central and Eastern European counterparts. A heavy emphasis will be placed on the dominant international organizations in the region—NATO and the EU—as well as those less familiar to Americans but potentially crucial to future security arrangements on the continent: OSCE and the WEU. The EU has become a powerful actor in international politics, sometimes acting as a single entity, sometimes showing clearly that it is made up of various member states with often conflicting agendas. One question we will examine in the course will be the extent to which the EU has, or even can have, a coherent foreign policy. We will also spend time on the ongoing expansion of the EU and NATO to include new members, including some of the post-Communist states. International politics of one of the post-Communist states not being considered for NATO or EU membership in the near future—Russia—will be a focus of the latter part of the semester. Russia has challenged NATO expansion, though a fair question (especially in light of its economic problems recently) is whether it is too weak to challenge the West on issues such as NATO.

Requirements and Grades: You will write one paper and take “bluebook” midterm and final exams. You will also have a short assignment at the beginning and end of the semester. The specific topics for the paper will be handed out well in advance of the due date. The paper will be relatively short (under 10 pages) but will require you to write clearly and draw on the readings and lectures in the course as well as outside materials. The short assignments will count for 10% of your grade, the paper 25%, the midterm 25%, and the final exam 40%. Anyone ending the semester in the “gray area” between two letter grades will be bumped up or down depending on class participation.

Class attendance is mandatory. But, since certain situations may arise that make it difficult or impossible to attend a particular class session, you will be able to miss

Lecture and Reading Schedule

* = Reading from the book to be purchased. All other readings are on reserve.

PART I: INTRODUCTION: INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND EUROPE.

Week 1 (Aug 28-30): Studying European International Politics: Approaches to and Topics in International Relations.

Readings:

Morgenthau, excerpt from *Politics among Nations*, in Vasquez, ed., *Classics of International Relations*,
(Upper Saddle River: NJ, Prentice Hall, 3

Week 6 (Oct 2-4): International Political Economy of the EU, EMU, and EU Expansion: Trade, Subsidies, Currency, and Economic Relations.

Readings:

*Mannin, ed., *Pushing Back the Boundaries*, ch. 3.

Winkler, "The Political Economy of European Monetary Union: between Economic Logic and Political Imperatives," in Cafruny and Peters, eds., *The Union and the World: The Political Economy of a Common European Foreign Policy*, (The Hague: Kluwer Law International, 1998), pp. 191-208.

Reading on EMU, to be announced.

PART III: SECURITY IN EUROPE: NATO, OSCE, the WEU, and the Fate of the EU's "Common Foreign and Security Policy" (CFSP).

Week 7 (Oct 9-11): European Security and Security Organizations.

Readings:

*Kupchan, ed., *Atlantic Security: Contending Visions*, chs. 2-4.

*Mannin, ed., *Pushing Back the Boundaries*, ch. 7.

Week 8 (Oct 16-18): The CFSP: Can the EU Produce a Coherent Foreign Policy?

Readings:

*Piening, *Global Europe*, ch. 2.

Welsh, *Europe United?*, (London: Macmillan Press, 1996), ch. 8 (pp. 108-125).

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