

History of Integration
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Course Information

This course focuses on the history of Integration in Europe, including pre-1945 attempts at continental integration and post-1945 non-EU attempts, and on the European Union up to enlargement. Student assignments include summaries of lecture material, essays, quizzes, and discussion boards.

Contacting your Professor

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AIM: heathermbaye (any time I'm online for class related issues and questions – please do not message me at midnight 'just to chat' or to 'say hello'.)

Discussion board: There is a board called "Ask your Instructor". Please ask general information or assignment questions there so that everyone may see the answers. If you need to contact me on a different matter, please contact me through the email tab of the course website. I login daily.

Here's a sample of what NOT to do:

A quiz link for module 2 is broken for some reason, and you can't access it, but it's due at midnight tonight. It's now 7pm, and it's Saturday. You send me a message telling me the problem. You check again at 8pm and 9pm, and there is still a problem, but I haven't responded because it's evening on a Saturday. You send five or six more increasingly panicked and accusatory emails, and then, realizing you have only two hours to finish the two hour quiz, you decide to take module 3 quiz instead, and fail miserably. You then send me one final freaked out email saying "I DIDN't know what to DO and I took the wong QUIZ because the right one wasn't WORKING and it's OMG SO NOT MY FAULT this class FAILS and you SUCK for not being online at 10pm on a SATURDAY!"

I log in on Sunday morning, open your first email, send you a response, and then realize you've done something totally irrational, and you've been rude and crazy in the process. This sort of behavior is totally inappropriate. If you wouldn't talk to someone face to face, or react face to face like that, DO NOT DO IT IN AN EMAIL or on the discussion boards. Rest assured that if there is ever a technical problem – and there will be, because you're taking the class on a computer – I will fix it and you will not lose points. So CALM DOWN.

Here's another sample of what not to do:

i am n yr class n i cant find my syll can u email me 1

iznt dis hrd 2 reed? y wold u alwyz wnt 2 type lk dis?

Look, guys. I like text speak as much as the next guy, when I'm messaging my brother. But I'm your professor. You need to use correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, and *respect* when you email me. Make sure you spell my name correctly and use the proper title. I'm a PhD and I use the title "Dr," so don't call me Ms, Mrs, or Miss. Don't make it hard to read or interpret your message. If it's not worth your time to compose properly, it's not worth my time to answer.

Required Textbooks

Textbooks may be purchased online through amazon.com, barnesnoble.com, borders.com, or any other online bookseller.

The required course text is Dinan, Desmond 2006. *Origins and Evolution of the European Union*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

NOTE: PLEASE ORDER THIS BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS NOT AVAILABLE IN YOUR UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE AND YOU CANNOT COMPLETE THE COURSE WITHOUT THIS TEXT. A FEW BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA BOOKSTORE IN CARROLLTON, BUT THERE ARE ONLY A FEW. DO NOT PURCHASE AN OLD EDITION.

Other text material for the course will include, but not be limited to the following:

- The official website of the European Union (<http://www.europa.eu.int>)
- EU directory of European legislation: <http://www.europa.eu.int/lex/en/lif/index.html>

Class Login Web Site

EUSP: <http://www.europeanstudiesprogram.org>

All login information is at this website!

Class Requirements/Assessments

600 total points are available. Grading is on a traditional 10 point scale, by percentage. If your university utilizes a (+/-) grading system, I will follow that scale.

There are six class modules, each worth 50 points.

During the week assigned to each module, you will

- Do your assigned reading;
- Review the lecture materials online;
- Complete the *timed* quiz (worth 30 points)
- Join in the discussion (worth 20 points)

In between modules 2 and 3, modules 4 and 5, and after module 6, you will have a paper to write. Each paper is worth 100 points.

The discussion, and the quiz must be completed at or before the end time. Posting once in a discussion isn't discussion – I can see what you've read and how long you've spent contemplating your classmates' posts; please take the discussion seriously. LATE ASSIGNMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. Please note that this course operates on a different schedule than traditional classes, and you may have work due over your Spring Break.

DO NOT EMAIL ASSIGNMENTS TO MY ADDRESS ABOVE. PLEASE USE ONLY THE INTERNAL COURSE EMAIL FOR ASSIGNMENTS.

Course modules and schedule

all times are current time in Georgia, USA

Name	Start Date	End date	Reading Assignment
Module 1: Pre-1945 Integration Attempts	2/1/2011, noon	2/8/2011, noon	Dinan, Part I (Ch. 1)
Module 2: Post War Context	2/8/2011, noon	2/15/2011, noon	Dinan, Part II/III (Ch. 2-4)
Paper 1	2/15/2011, noon	2/22/2011, noon	
Module 3: The Early Years	2/22/2011, noon	3/1/2011, noon	Dinan, Part III (Ch. 5-7)
Module 4: The Lost Decade and the Rebirth of the EU	3/1/2011, noon	3/15/2011, noon	Dinan, Part IV (Ch. 8-10)
Paper 2	3/15/2011, noon	3/29/2011, noon	
Module 5: End of the Cold War and Enlargement	3/29/2011, noon	4/12/2011, noon	Dinan, Part IV (Ch. 11-13)
Module 6: Historiography of the EU	4/12/2011, noon	4/26/2011, noon	Dinan, Part V (Ch. 14)
Final Paper	4/26/2011, noon	5/3/2011, noon	