CPO 3104 Politics of Western Europe
Summer 2015

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Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to European politics. We examine the evolution, structures and operation of representative institutions across European countries and focus on particular themes, such as political parties, elections, and governments, rather than particular countries. We discuss the implications of different political institutions for different political and policy outcomes.
The European Union has been a major feature of the domestic politics of most European states. We examine the institutions and policies of the European Union, and the effects of the EU on the politics of member states. We address the controversies surrounding membership in the EU in general, and the politics of inclusion of countries of Eastern Europe.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course you will:

- Have good knowledge of the structure and operation of European representative institutions
- Have good knowledge of the structure of European Union institutions and European Union policies
- Have good knowledge of the implications of different institutions for political and policy outcomes
- Use your knowledge on institutions and their implications to think analytically on current European politics
- Use your knowledge on institutions and their implications to think critically on political and policy issues in European democracies

Required textbooks:

Markus M.L. Crepaz and Jurg Steiner. 2012. ***European Democracies*.** 8th Edition. Longman

John McCormick and Jonathan Olsen. 2014. ***The European Union: Politics and Policies.*** 5th Edition. Westview Press.

Evaluation Procedures

Grade Categories	**Requirement**	**Grade Weight**
Module One		5%
Modules	Four Modules (2, 3, 4, 5)	40%
Quizzes	Two Quizzes (8 & 9)	15%
Library Assignment	One Assessment	10%
Research Paper	See Module 6	30%

- Grading information on the specific assignment will be provided in the assignment itself.
- To complete the course you ought to complete all assignments.
- The following plus/minus grading system will apply in this course.
  A = 93+, A- = 90-92, B+ = 88-89, B = 83-87, B- = 80-82, C+ = 78-79,
  C = 73-77, C- = 70-72, D+ = 68-69, D = 63-67, D- = 60-62,
  F= 59 or below.

Recording Academic Activity Policy

As of Fall 2014, all faculty members are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please **complete the assignments for Module One** by the end of the first week of classes, or as soon as possible after adding the course, but **no later than May 22**. **Failure to do so will result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.**

Missed Assignments/Make-Ups/Extra Credit

To submit late work the student will have to obtain the instructor's permission first and prior to the date the work is due. There will be a penalty of one letter grade for all late work (except for cases involving overriding and well documented personal circumstances). The work should be submitted in the week following the deadline for the work.

There will be **no extra credit** for this course.

Class Schedule Summer 2015

Week	**Topic**	**Assignments**
May 18	Getting Started	"Learning online" **see Module 1** **Due: May 22, 11 PM**
May 25	Political Parties Parliaments: How They are Elected and How They Work	*European Democracies*: Chapters 2 & 3 **See Module 2:** • Quiz 2 (Chapter 2) • Quiz 3 (Chapter 3) • On-line discussion Due: **May 29, 11 PM**
June 1	Cabinet Formation and Heads of State Courts Federalism and Referenda	*European Democracies*: Chapters 4, 5 & 6 **See Module 3**: • Quiz 4 (Chapter 4) • Quiz 5 (Chapters 5 & 6) **Due: June 5, 11 PM**
June 8	The State and Economic Interest Groups Policy Outcomes	*European Democracies*: Chapters 9 & 10 **See Module 4:** • Quiz 6 (Chapters 9 & 10) • On-line discussion **Due: June 12, 11 PM**

June 15	European Integration Origins The Way to the Single Market Consolidation and Crisis	*The European Union*: Introduction, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 **See Module 5:** • Quiz 7 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4) • On-line discussion **Due: June 19, 11 PM**
June 22	<u>EU Institutions</u> Commission The Council of the EU Parliament Court of Justice	*The European Union*: Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8 **<u>Quiz 8</u>** (Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8) **Due: June 26, 11 PM**
June 29	<u>EU Policy</u> Public Policy Economic Policy & the Euro	*The European Union*: Chapters 11, 12 **<u>Quiz 9</u>** (Chapters 11, 12) **Due: July 6, 11 PM**
July 6	<u>EU Policy</u> Managing Resources Cohesion Policy	*The European Union*: Chapters 13, 14 **See Module 6** • 5-6 page research paper **Library Assignment** **(Due July 10, 11 PM)**
July 13	<u>Research Paper</u>	**Due July 17, 11 PM**