

# Global Learning Semesters

## Course Syllabus

Course: IREL-610 Current European Issues

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: Intercollege, Nicosia, Cyprus



| Course Summary          |                         |                          |
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| Course Code             | Course Title            | Recommended Credit Hours |
| IREL-610                | Current European Issues | 3.7                      |
| Semester Offered        | Contact Hours           | Prerequisites            |
| Fall, Spring            | 42                      | None                     |
| Department              | Level of Course         | Language of Instruction  |
| International Relations | Upper Division          | English                  |

### Course Description

A Review of European Integration, Dynamics of Integration, From Maastricht to Nice, The Economic Dimension, Europe in the World Economy and the Implications of the European Monetary Union and The Euro, The Political / Institutional Dimension, The Democratic Deficit, Social Policy, Europe and the Nation State, European Foreign and Security Policy, The EU, the US and NATO, The EU, Turkey, Russia and the Mediterranean, Toward Enlargement, Revision.

### Instructor

Andreas Theophanous, Ph.D.

### Course Aims and Objectives

The objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the themes involved with the current process of European integration and enlargement. Likewise the course will revolve around issues which preoccupy policymakers, academics as well as citizens at large not only in the countries of the EU and those that aspire to join but also further beyond.

### Teaching Methods

Lectures, discussions, assigned readings, projects, student assignments.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall and Spring semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

### Evaluation and Grading

Mid-Term Exam: 30%  
Final Exam: 40%  
Class Participation: 10%

Term paper: 20%

## Readings and Resources

### Required Textbooks

- John McCormick, *The European Union: Politics and Policies*, WestviewPress, Inc., A Division of HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., Colorado, 1996.
- John Pinder, *The Building of the European Union*, 3rd Edition, Oxford University Press, 1998
- John McCormick, *The European Union: Politics and Policies*, Westview Press Inc., A Division of HarperCollins Publishers Inc., Colorado, 1996.
- Nicholas Moussis, *Handbook of European Union: Institutions and Policies*, 5th Revised Edition, European Study Service, Rixensart, 1998
- S. Victor Papacosma, Andreas Theophanous and James Sperling (Eds), *EU Enlargement and New Security Challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean*, Intercollege Press, Nicosia 2004.