

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: IREL-615 Issues in International Economics

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: Intercollege, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
IREL-615	Issues in International Economics	3.7
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

Course Description

I. Introduction – The issues at stake, II. Historical Background, III. Building the EU, IV. The Institutions and the Budget, V. The Treaty of Maastricht and Amsterdam and Thereafter, VI. The European Union and the Nation-State, VII. The European Union and the Democratic Deficit, VIII. The Euro and the Implications, IX. The Euro and the Implications, X. Common Foreign and Security Policy, XI. Common Foreign and Security Policy, XII. The Challenge of Enlargement and the Position of Europe in the World, XIII. Europe and Turkey, XIV. What is the Future?

Instructor

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Course Aims and Objectives

The objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the process of European Integration as well as of its multidimensional repercussions on the nation-state, the international political and economic environment, the prospects for security, prosperity and cooperation in Europe and beyond etc. Within this framework students will address issues and problems in an interdependent world.

The course is designed to familiarize students with issues related to the process and the impact of European Integration. A critical assessment and review of the record of the EU since the fifties is instrumental in understanding current issues. Furthermore particular attention is paid to the importance of dynamic and evolutionary processes and changes.

Teaching Methods

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

Course Teaching Hours

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

Evaluation and Grading

Mid-Term Exam:	40%
Final Exam:	40%
Class Participation:	20%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbooks

- Simon Bromley (SB), *Governing the European Union*, Sage Publications Ltd, 2001.
- Mary Farell, Stefano Fella and Michael Newman, *European Integration in the 21st Century – Unity in Diversity?*, Sage Publications Ltd, 2002, (MN).
- The European Convention, *Treaty Establishing a Constitution for Europe*, European Council Meeting in Thessaloniki - 20 June 2003, Office for Official Publication of the European Communities, 2003.