



UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TIRANA

Economics of the European Union Syllabus – Fall 2007

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Course Objectives: This course provides an introduction to the economic issues of the European Union. Initially, we will investigate the historical context of E.U. and the structure of its main institutions. Secondly, it will address issues related to the impact of the formation of an economic union on various sectors of the economy, such as agriculture, industry, environment and energy, etc. Particular attention will be paid to macroeconomic themes related to monetary integration. We will further investigate issues concerning enlargement and policies designed to solve problems due to economic integration.

Prerequisites: Introduction to Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, Composition II

Required Text: Theo Hitiris, **European Union Economics**, Pearson Education Limited, 5th Edition, 2003.

Research Paper

Select one of the main economic areas of the Albanian reality and analyse its challenges on the integration process. The result will be a presentation of your findings, together with some simple conclusions and recommendations on reforms following European and Regional integration processes.

The objective of this project is to give you a realistic perspective on the way economic activities are transformed, from post communist to market oriented.

The project might be realized also in group composed from not more than two persons

Grading and Assessment: Your assessment in this class is directly related to your ability to meet this course's objectives. There will be one midterm exam, one research paper and a final exam.

Classroom discussion of topics and current socio-economic events is essential for the successful completion of this course. Class participation is NOT merely attendance; rather, it is active involvement and thoughtful contributions to the discussion of selective themes.

Grade Weights are as follows:

Midterm Exam	30%
Research Paper	20 %
Presentation	5%
Class participation	10 %
Final Exam	35%

Grade Breakdowns are as follows:

A	93-100%
A-	90-92%
B+	87-89%
B	83-86%
B-	80-82%
C+	77-79%
C	73-76%
C-	70-72%
D+	67-69%
D	63-66%
D-	60-62%
F	0-59%

General Policies:

- ❑ Lecture attendance is mandatory. NYC's policy is that if a student is absent for more than 20% of the course (i.e. 9 hours), then 'F' will be the grade awarded for the course.
- ❑ The workload assumes that students are spending two hours studying for every one hour in class. For this session that means that you should expect to study for about 6 hours a week outside of the class time.
- ❑ I reserve the right to make changes in the syllabus that do not affect the total amount of work required by students.
- ❑ Students who are disruptive in class will be asked to leave. Disruption includes anything that negatively interrupts the flow of lecture or discussion. If you need to sleep, please do so outside of class. Cellular phones should be off during class. On no account should students answer their cell phones during class, or leave the room to do so unless you clear it with the professor before class starts.
- ❑ I encourage students to work together and help each other out as much as possible in terms of discussing and reviewing the material. However, each student must turn in or complete in class work they have completed originally for this class.

*Plagiarism involves passing of the work of others as your own or any other form of academic dishonesty such as copying from another student in class or submitting the same paper to two different classes. **The first incident of plagiarism or cheating will result in a “zero” on the assignment or exam. The second incident will result in an automatic “F” in the course, and appropriate action will be taken with the university authorities.***

The Course Schedule

- Structure of the EU. History and Institutions
- Theory of Economic Integration
- Common Market Theory and trade liberalization
- Microeconomic Policies and Regulations in EU
- Agriculture Policy
- Competition Policy
- Industrial Policy
- Mid Term Exam
- Draft Project Discussion
- The Budget of the European Union
- Tax harmonization and Fiscal Discipline in EU
- Monetary Integration I
- Monetary Integration II
- Enlargement
- Paper Presentation
- Final Exam

NOTICE: A full list of additional reading materials will be e-mailed to you regularly one week before we actually discuss them in class. The actual articles will be available for use in the library.