

EURO 3205 Comparative Politics of Post-Communist Central Europe (3,2,1) (E)

Prerequisite: *For GIS/ES major*: POLS 1005 Foundations of Political Science or EURO 1008-9 Europe: Unity and Diversity

This is a course which examines new European Union Members States in Central Europe (in particular, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia) from both historical and comparative perspectives. It begins with a discussion of the nature and weaknesses of the Communist regimes of Eastern Europe and the causes and processes leading to the 1989 upheavals in the region. It then considers the paradoxes and obstacles in the course of post-Communist transitions to democracy, the market economy and the civil society. The key issues of democratic consolidation and pro-market transformation will be addressed.

EURO 3511 European Academic/Internship Semester I (0,0,0)

Prerequisite: FREN 2112 European Language II (French) or GERM 2112 European Language II (German)

The European Academic/Internship Semester provides full linguistic and cultural immersion into the societies of French- or German-speaking countries through a combination of intensive language training, academic study and, whenever feasible, supervised working experience on location in Europe. Semester I is usually spent at a university in either the French- or German-speaking area of Europe.

Students will be placed individually or in very small groups at selected partner institutions of the European Studies Programme/the Department of GIS. The course of study will normally comprise intensive foreign language tuition and selected academic courses, as they are available at the respective partner institutions.

EURO 3512 European Academic/Internship Semester II (0,0,0)

Prerequisite: EURO 3511 European Academic/Internship Semester I

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Students will continue to study at selected partner institutions of the European Studies Programme/the Department of GIS. The course of study will normally comprise selected academic courses, as they are available at the respective partner institutions. In case of internship, students will be placed individually with the assistance of the Year III supervisors. Internships may vary in length but not exceed six months of duration.

EURO 3591-2 Honours Project (European Studies) (3,*,*)

The Honours Project is carefully selected and designed in collaboration between teachers, students, and possibly, external agencies. These projects, though rigorous in their essence, are less intended as pure exercises in academic research than as reports presented on topics directed towards real-life problems and situations encountered in Europe. Although usually written in English, the Honours Project will show bibliographical and citational familiarity with French or German language publications and sources. This course is open to European Studies majors only.

EURO 4005 Current Issues of European Integration (3,2,1)

Prerequisite: *For GIS major*: POLS 2006 Introduction to Political Economy or POLS 1005 Foundations of Political Science
For ES major: EURO 2007 The Political Economy of the European Union

This course aims at offering students a clear overview of the economic, political, social and diplomatic issues raised by recent

institutional developments of the European Union. On the one hand, it consolidates knowledge of institutional structures and key policy-making processes in the recent years. On the other, it raises critical awareness of the deeper theoretical and practical questions these developments pose. One of the main components of the course is the growing importance of globalization and the opening of Europe to other regions of the world, in particular China and East-Asia. The course integrates theoretical perspectives and case studies.

EURO 4006 European Economic and Business Life: travailler en contexte international (3,3,0)

Prerequisite: FREN 4008 European Language in Context III (French) and EURO 4015 Contemporary European Societies II: questions d'actualité or equivalent

This is mainly a project-based course in which students will use Web resources to set up a simulated professional situation involving representatives from the French-speaking European countries and their international partners (from Hong Kong and/or the People's Republic of China).

Students are expected to develop their knowledge about the business world and its environment and to acquire a "know-how" tool set in an occupational context. The course will also enhance the students' communication and interpersonal skills in an international professional setting, with a special focus on the French-language work environment. These multi-faceted competencies will build a *savoir d'action* ("how to act") transferable for successful transitions to work, and ultimately, careers within global companies/organizations.

EURO 4007 European Economic and Business Life: Wirtschaft im Wandel/Deutsches-chinesische Wirtschaftsbeziehungen (3,3,0)

Prerequisite: GERM 4008 European Language in Context III (German) and EURO 4016 Contemporary European Societies II: Struktur und Zukunft der Sozialen Marktwirtschaft or equivalent

This course discusses recent developmental trends in the economies of German-speaking Europe and, in particular, economic relations between China/Hong Kong and the German-speaking countries. It will look at specific business processes and current issues affecting enterprises in Europe and China/Hong Kong. Its objective is to familiarize students with actual business challenges arising from general political and economic changes, thereby providing insights into potential career fields for graduates.

The course may include guest speakers from the business sector and visits to enterprises and business-related institutions in Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta.

The course is held entirely in German.

EURO 4015 Contemporary European Societies II: questions d'actualité (3,2,1)

Prerequisite: EURO 2005 Contemporary European Societies I: The French-Speaking Countries and Internship year in French-speaking Europe or equivalent or Ability to use French for Academic Purposes in speech, writing and reading

This is the second part of a course which spans the year in Europe and builds on the themes examined in the first part (EURO 2110) in the light of students' living and learning experience in a European French-speaking country. The course outline varies from year to year, since it consists of a review of the current events and trends to be observed in Belgium, France, Luxembourg and Switzerland in the social, political and economic field. Support materials mainly comprise the latest press articles and various official and non-governmental institutions' data available online in French.

EURO 4016 Contemporary European Societies II: Struktur und Zukunft der Sozialen Marktwirtschaft (3,3,0)

Prerequisite: EURO 2006 Contemporary European Societies I: The German-Speaking Countries and Internship