

**E180 European Union**  
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**Text:** None. There are no decent books on this subject for freshman. I will rely heavily on assigned readings from other sources such as *The Economist* and *The Financial Times*. I want you to subscribe to these two media sources at student discount rates and read the FT daily either online or in print. You can also use the library copies if they have them.

**Grades:** Grades are based on

- 1) Class participation/discussion
- 2) Two mid-term exams
- 3) A short paper of 8 pages (due October 17)
- 4) A final term paper 15-20 pages (due December 11)

There will also be some take-home assignments aimed at generating class discussion. The final term paper topic must be approved by me by October 30. A first draft of the final paper is due November 14<sup>th</sup>. The final draft is due the last day of the semester December 11<sup>th</sup>. All writing assignments are to be submitted electronically to my email address in either pdf, MSWord format or WordPerfect format.

The purpose of the first draft is for me to give you editing comments and suggestions for restructuring your paper. I want you to learn that no one is 'naturally good' at writing – good writing comes from rewriting. This is what professional writers do – write, rewrite and rewrite again. So its time for you to start making that transition from student essay writer to a professional writer.

**Special Dates:** We will not have class during the week of October 13-17. You are to use this time to write your short paper and do SERIOUS research on your final term paper.

**Class Objective:** This is a freshman seminar course. It is small in size with the purpose of having significant class discussion and an intensive writing component. Most of you have not had college-level economics courses so your analytical tools are limited. My intention is to teach you enough technical skills so that you can analyze the issues associated with European Integration. The intention is also to familiarize you with Europe and not just countries in Europe. At various points during the semester, individuals or teams of two people will be given the task of leading course discussion on a relevant topic.

## Course Outline (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- I. What is Economic Integration? Why One Europe?
- II. Why One Economy?
- III. Why Common Policies?
- IV. Economic and Money Union: Efficiency vs. Equity
- V. EU Expansion to the Edge of Europe

### Key Assignment Dates:

October 9	First exam
October 17	First short paper due
October 30	Final term paper topic approved
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	First draft of final paper due
November 20	Second exam
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Final version of final paper due

### Interesting Web Sites:

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

CIA FactBook – fascinating reference

<http://www.ecb.int/>

European Central Bank webpage

<http://www.france.diplomatie.fr/frmonde/euro/sommaire.gb.html>

More European Union facts and institutional information

<http://www.eurunion.org/states/home.htm>

Home page for the EU-US

<http://www.oecd.org>

OECD webpage