

BCEA Course Descriptions

ECSP 370 Spain and European Integration (English)

Location: BCEA

Credits: 3

Schedule: TBD

Instructor: Laura Cervi, Ph.D.

Cross-Listing: Political Science/History

Prerequisite: none

Course Description

This course has the purpose of providing a global view of political, economic, social and cultural aspects of contemporary Europe, with a particular emphasis on the European integration process (origins, development, institutions, future). Likewise, it aims at creating awareness about international relations in general, and Europe's role in the international system in particular, through the study of its relations with different countries and regions (i. e. the United States, Latin America). The course analyzes the process of European integration since World War II and up to the present. It reviews the milestones of European construction in historical perspective, but also offers an in-depth look at its current form and stage of development. Conclusions on the European experience will be drawn by comparing it to other integration processes in Asia, South America and North America. On completion of the course, students will have developed a broad understanding of the origins of the European integration process and of the nature and functioning of the main European Union institutions and policies, as well as its position as a relevant international actor.

Texts

Readings will be a combination of articles, book chapters and official EU documents (grouped together in a course reader packet or CRP), plus a textbook by Desmond Dinan, *Ever Closer Union: An Introduction to European Integration*, The European Union Series, Houndmills, Palgrave Macmillan, 3rd edition, 2005 ("Dinan" from now on). Likewise, press articles will be a fundamental part of the course.