

EUROPEAN DOCUMENTATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE
UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

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First Semester

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Course title: EST 2110: The History of European Integration

Course value: 4 credits

This is a test-based course. A two-hour test will be held at the end of Semester I in January–February 2007. Please note that course attendance is obligatory, and that absences arising from illness should be covered by medical certification. In such cases medical certificates should be handed to EDRC personnel. The main topics that will be discussed during lectures are the following:

1. Europe in the 19th century: a general overview
2. Europe's mainland and overseas empires up to 1914: imperial politics and economics of the major European powers
3. The end of World War I, and the rise of small nation-states and totalitarian regimes in inter-war Europe (1918-1939)
4. Europe after World War II: the politico-economic scenario
5. Western European integration under the aegis of the USA (1945-51)
6. The Council of Europe (1949), and the Schuman Plan (1950)
7. The European Coal and Steel Community (1952)
8. The UK: the 'Odd Man Out' of Europe
9. Charles de Gaulle: the 'Strong Man of Europe'
10. The launching of the European Economic Community, and Euratom (1958)
11. The UK's unsuccessful bids for membership of the EEC (1961; 1967), and the establishment of the European Free Trade Area (1960)
12. The first enlargement, and the effects of the 1973 international oil crisis on the Community's integration process
13. The end of the totalitarian regimes in Portugal, Greece and Spain, application for EEC membership (1975-77)
14. The establishment of the European Council (1974), and periodical summitry
15. Internal political instability of the mid-1970s in the Community
16. The Lomé Conventions, and other mutual trade agreements between the EEC and developing countries
17. The Global Mediterranean Policy (1972)
18. The establishment of the European Monetary System, and the election of the first European Parliament by universal suffrage (1979)
19. The Fontainebleau Summit (1984)
20. The European Charter of Fundamental Social Rights for Workers (1989)
21. The accessions of Greece (1981), Spain and Portugal (1986)
22. The coming into effect of the Single European Act (1987)
23. Europe's integration process in the Gorbachev and post-Wall era
24. The Treaty of Maastricht (1992)
25. The accession of Sweden, Finland, and Austria to the EU (1995)
26. The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership
27. The Treaty of Nice (2000)
28. The 2004 and 2007 enlargements

Set texts:

Desmond Dinan, *Origins and Evolution of the European Union* (Oxford, OUP, 2006).

Christopher Pollacco, *European Integration: The Maltese Experience*, (Malta, Agenda, 2004).

Further reading:

Students are strongly advised to supplement their reading with one or two other texts of their own choice from the list below. If in doubt about choices students should consult their lecturer for guidance.

Timothy Bainbridge, *The Penguin Companion to European Union*, third revised edition, (London, Penguin, 2003).

Fraser Cameron (ed.), *The Future of Europe: Integration and Enlargement*, (London, Routledge, 2004).

Marise Cremona (ed.), *The Enlargement of the European Union*, (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2003).

Roland Dannreuther (ed.), *European Union Foreign and Security Policy: Towards a Neighbourhood Strategy*, (London, Routledge, 2004).

Stephen George & Ian Bache, *Politics in the European Union*, (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2001).

Dirk Leonard, *The Economist Guide to the European Union*, (London, Profile Books Ltd., 2005).

Peter A. Poole, *Europe Unites: The EU's Eastern Enlargement*, (London Connecticut, 2003).

Karen, E. Smith, *The Making of EU Foreign Policy: The Case of Eastern Europe*, (Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan, 2003).

Michael D. Richards and Paul R. Waibel, *Twentieth Century Europe: A Brief History*, (Wheeling, Illinois, Harlan Davidson, 1999).