

# JSIS B 431A / PoIS 447A Fall 2019

## International Negotiation European Union Policy and Simulation

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More 220 – Monday, Wednesday 2:30pm-4:20pm 5 credits

Office Hours Monday/Wednesday 12p-2p Microsoft Café, Gates CSE

### Course Overview

This course, sponsored by the European Union Center/Center for West European Studies, is a practicum focused on the current, real-world policy issues and international negotiations of the European Union, as well as the theory of international negotiation, public policy and the politics surrounding policy formation.

We will look at the roles of large and small countries in policy formation, negotiation, and how countries negotiate to ensure that final policy outcomes reflect their preferences and concerns. The course will begin with lecture and discussion to establish a shared background knowledge of the issues and functions of the EU. Students will be assigned countries in pairs, though all your work is expected to be original and individual. We will then move into a series of alternating lecture/discussions and negotiation simulations on five areas of current EU policy, then end the quarter with a simulated European Union Summit, where teams of students will represent assigned EU countries in an extended negotiation over selected major policy issues.

We will discuss and work with questions of comparative government, media, public communication, leadership, accountability, decision-making, assessing project outcomes, forecasting, project budgeting, taxation, and the challenges of executing complex projects in the real world.

### Requirements and Prerequisites

There are no formal prerequisites for this course. Most course materials and assigned readings will be online. This is a demanding course with high expectations for your engagement, research, interest in learning, and participation.

### Assignments and Grading

#### Country Priorities Paper

Each student will write an independent paper outlining the economic, political and diplomatic priorities of their assigned country. The paper should be based on original research and the student's reasoned analysis of how their assigned country determines priorities and is working to actualize those priorities in policy and negotiation. This paper will count for 10% of your course grade. **Due Monday, October 15**

#### Policy Briefs and Discussion

Each student will write and discuss with the class five two-page maximum policy briefing papers on selected EU policy topics over the course of the quarter. Each paper will be on an area of current EU/National policy contention, and will be written from the perspective of an individual country. Each paper will account for 6% of the course grade, for a total of 30%. Due dates are aligned with each topic over the course of the quarter



**Wednesday, October 9**

EU Institutions – European Parliament, European Court of Justice, European Central Bank  
EU Institutions – other institutions and agencies                      Theory: Policy Actors

**Monday, October 14**

Policy and Negotiation – The EU as a system of trans-national multilevel government  
Policy Participants and Considerations  
Multi-level Government exercise.                      DUE: Country Priority Papers

**Wednesday, October 16**

Policy Area Overview – Security and Defense

**Monday, October 21**

Security/Defense Negotiation Simulation – Security/Defense Brief DUE

**Wednesday, October 23**

Policy Area Overview – Membership/Brexit

**Monday, October 28**

Membership/Brexit Negotiation Simulation – Membership Brief DUE

**Wednesday, October 30**

Policy Area – Immigration

**Monday, November 4**

Immigration Negotiation Simulation – Immigration Brief DUE

**Wednesday, November 6**

Policy Area – Agriculture

**Monday, November 11**

Agriculture Brief DUE – veteran’s day!

**Wednesday, November 14**

Policy Area – Environment

**Monday, November 18**

Environment Negotiation Simulation – Environment brief DUE

**Wednesday, November 20**

Team Summit Preparation

**Monday, November 25**

Agriculture Negotiation Simulation

**Wednesday, November 27**

The Future of the EU, and quarter wrap-up discussion  
Simulation weaknesses and Summit Negotiation Strategy  
Course Evaluations - EU Summit Position papers DUE

**Monday, December 2**

EU Summit – Session 1  
Recap and Theory tie-in session

**Wednesday, December 4**

EU Summit – Session 2