



SYLLABUS  
Summer 2023

**Institutions, Policy, and Historic Landmarks in European Integration:  
Portugal as a Case in Point**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course offers students critical analytical tools to understand the process of European integration and the institutions, politics, and historical landmarks that have paved the way for the European Union (EU). The EU is the most advanced form of consensual political and economic integration in the contemporary world and history. It was born of the desire by European policy-makers to deter war among European powers in the aftermath of the Second World War. We will be reading about the ideals of the Union's founders, the great debates that have pitched national sovereignty against supranational clout, and the advances and challenges of integration. We will study the mechanisms of supranational legislative production in the EU. We will use the Portuguese case as an example of Europe's trajectory from nation-state government to multi-level governance. We will examine the dilemmas that pitch nations vs. the supranational interest, considering the urgency of strategic autonomy in the context of the pandemic and the war in Ukraine. We will use plural sources of reliable information, including academic research, official EU policy documents, publications by well-known think tanks, and videos featuring landmark speeches by European leaders. We will read influential analyses based on rigorous comparative research and complement in-class and study time with direct observation of institutions at work: our course will include study visits to sites that are landmarks in Portugal's journey to Europe.



## LOCATION & TEACHING HOURS

This Summer course is offered at the Faculdade de Ciências Humanas, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, in July 2023. It comprises 24 teaching hours in class, i.e. 3-hour classes, delivered in presence twice a week, during four weeks, at the Faculdade de Ciências Humanas, Universidade Católica Portuguesa; and 18 hours of study visits to sites in Lisbon that are landmarks in the process of Portugal's integration in the European Union.

## ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

- Class participation – 25%
- Oral presentation in class – 10%
- Short (three-page) summary essay supporting the oral presentation – 30%
- Final written examination – 35%

## ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

- The teacher is always available to help with questions, doubts, and clarifications via e-mail, [aevans@ucp.pt](mailto:aevans@ucp.pt), and to meet after class (or by appointment).
- Students are expected to read the assigned materials for each class and debate the critical arguments of those readings. In addition to the core texts indicated below (see weekly assignments), the teacher will assign specific readings to support students' oral presentations and summary essays. The texts that support the oral presentations will be uploaded in the Moodle one week before the presentation.
- Oral presentations will begin in the second week of the course. The deadline for delivering the summary essays supporting them will be three days after the oral presentation.
- The final exam will be administered in the classroom, using in the Testwe online platform.
- Class attendance and study visits are considered core academic duties. Attendance is required.



- Electronic devices are not allowed in class, except for consultation of study materials; chatting sideways with classmates while the professor or colleagues are lecturing is not permitted. Evidence of plagiarism will be penalized with a mark of zero (0).

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES TO BE DEVELOPED BY STUDENTS)**

At the end of the semester, students should be able to:

- Analyze the trajectory of European Integration.
- Display knowledge of European institutions - their mission, set-up, and location
- Demonstrate an understanding of the EU's decision-making process.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the significant theories of European integration.
- Apply theories and concepts of European integration to the analysis of contemporary debates and historical cases in European Union policy, particularly the process of Portugal's integration.
- Demonstrate mastery of core academic skills such as critical bibliographic conventions; identify and critique theoretical arguments and their assumptions; and demonstrate advanced writing and oral presentation skills.

## **COURSE CONTENTS**

### **WEEK ONE**

#### **Topics**

- Methodological issues: Developing critical writing and oral presentation skills.
- The trajectory of European integration.
- European institutions: mission, setup, and location

#### **Study visit**

- Jerónimos Monastery, Lisbon (landmark – 12 June 1985, Signature of the Treaty of Accession of Portugal to the European Communities; 13 December 2007, signing of the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community);



- Cultural Centre, Belém, Lisbon (landmark – hosted Portuguese presidencies of the Council of the European Union, as well as the European capital of culture)

## Readings

Duke University: Thomson Writing Program. Writing Studio, Oral Presentations. Available at:

<https://twp.duke.edu/sites/twp.duke.edu/files/file-attachments/oral-presentation-handout.original.pdf>

European Commission: The European Union: What it Is and What it Does:

<https://op.europa.eu/webpub/com/eu-what-it-is/en/>

European Council: History of the EU:

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/history/?filters=2031>

Europe Direct, Strasbourg: Milestones in European Construction. Available at:

<https://www.strasbourg-europe.eu/milestones-in-european-construction/>

European Parliament: Factsheet. The Treaty of Lisbon:

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/sheet/5/the-treaty-of-lisbon>

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/about-parliament/en/in-the-past/the-parliament-and-the-treaties/treaty-of-lisbon>

European Union: EU Pioneers:

[https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/history-eu/eu-pioneers\\_en](https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/history-eu/eu-pioneers_en)

Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union (2021 Portugal.EU): CCB one again set to host the Portuguese Presidency:

<https://www.2021portugal.eu/en/news/ccb-once-again-set-to-host-portugal-s-presidency/>

Trent University: Academic Skills, Writing Article Summaries. Available at:

<https://www.trentu.ca/academicskills/how-guides/how-write-university/how-approach-any-assignment/writing-article-summaries>

The University of Queensland, School of Political Science and International Studies: Essay Guide. Available at:

<https://polsis.uq.edu.au/files/43393/POLSYS%20Essay%20Guide%202021%20Version.pdf>

The Ventotene Manifesto:



[https://www.cvce.eu/en/obj/the\\_manifesto\\_of\\_ventotene\\_1941-en-316aa96c-e7ff-4b9e-b43a-958e96afbecc.html](https://www.cvce.eu/en/obj/the_manifesto_of_ventotene_1941-en-316aa96c-e7ff-4b9e-b43a-958e96afbecc.html)

## WEEK TWO

### Topics

- The European Union's decision-making process.
- Major theories of European integration. Basic concepts.
- Student Presentations.

### Study visit

- European Commission Representation in Portugal, Largo Jean Monnet, Lisbon;
- European Parliament Bureau in Portugal, Largo Jean Monnet, Lisbon.

### Readings

Cabral, Tiago Sérgio (2020) A short guide to the legislative procedure in the European Union. UNIO – EU Law Journal, 6:1. January 2020, 161-180, available at:

<https://revistas.uminho.pt/index.php/unio/article/view/2711>

Hooghe, Liesbet and Gary Marks (2019) Grand theories of European integration in the twenty-first century, Journal of European Public Policy, 26: 8, 1113-1133. Available at:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13501763.2019.1569711>

Official website of the European Commission Representation in Portugal:

[https://portugal.representation.ec.europa.eu/index\\_pt](https://portugal.representation.ec.europa.eu/index_pt)

Official website of the European Parliament Bureau in Portugal:

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/portugal>

Wiener, Antje, Borzel, Tanja A. and Risse, Thomas (2018) European Integration Theory.

Third Edition. NY and Oxford: Oxford University Press, chapter 1, available at:

<https://oxforduniversitypress.app.box.com/v/he-9780198737315>

## WEEK THREE

### Topics

- European policies and strategic autonomy: climate, energy, raw materials.



- Student Presentations.

### Study visit

- European Maritime Safety Agency, Cais do Sodré, Lisbon;
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, Cais do Sodré, Lisbon.

### Readings

European Commission: A Chips Act for Europe

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52022DC0045&from=EN>

European Commission: The European Green Deal

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:b828d165-1c22-11ea-8c1f-01aa75ed71a1.0002.02/DOC\\_1&format=PDF](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:b828d165-1c22-11ea-8c1f-01aa75ed71a1.0002.02/DOC_1&format=PDF)

European Commission: The REPowerEU Plan

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:fc930f14-d7ae-11ec-a95f-01aa75ed71a1.0001.02/DOC\\_1&format=PDF](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:fc930f14-d7ae-11ec-a95f-01aa75ed71a1.0001.02/DOC_1&format=PDF)

European Commission, Joint Research Centre: Critical Raw materials for Strategic Technologies and Sectors in the EU – a Foresight Study 2020:

[https://rmis.jrc.ec.europa.eu/uploads/CRMs\\_for\\_Strategic\\_Technologies\\_and\\_Sectors\\_in\\_the\\_EU\\_2020.pdf](https://rmis.jrc.ec.europa.eu/uploads/CRMs_for_Strategic_Technologies_and_Sectors_in_the_EU_2020.pdf)

Official website, European Maritime Safety Agency:

<https://emsa.europa.eu/>

Official website, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction:

<https://www.emcdda.europa.eu/>

## WEEK FOUR

### Topics

- Portugal in the European Union.
- Student Presentations.
- Final written Exam.



### Study visit

- Assembleia da República: The Portuguese Parliament monitors and assesses European affairs and oversees government European activity, including the debates in preparation for European Councils, Presidencies of the Council, and on economic governance instruments.

### Readings

Assembleia da República: Monitoring of European Affairs by the Assembleia da República:

<https://www.parlamento.pt/sites/EN/ForeignAffairs/Paginas/ScrutinyEuropeanInitiativesbyAR.aspx>

Assembleia da República: The European Affairs Committee:

[https://www.parlamento.pt/sites/COM/XILeg/4CAE/Documents/BrochuraCAE\\_4\\_EN.pdf](https://www.parlamento.pt/sites/COM/XILeg/4CAE/Documents/BrochuraCAE_4_EN.pdf)

European Union: Country Profile, Portugal:

[https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/country-profiles/portugal\\_en](https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/country-profiles/portugal_en)

European Parliament: Briefing, National Parliaments, The Portuguese Parliament and EU Affairs

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2021/659378/EPRS\\_BRI\(2021\)659378\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2021/659378/EPRS_BRI(2021)659378_EN.pdf)

Ferreira-Pereira, Laura C. (2022), "Portugal in the European Union: Chronicling a Transformative Journey, in Jorge M. Fernandes et al., The Oxford Handbook of Portuguese Politics, online edn. Oxford Academic, 20 Oct.2022.

2021 Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union: Portugal's Journey in the EU:

<https://www.2021portugal.eu/en/news/portugal-s-journey-in-the-european-union/>