



POLS-X 476 (8240), Spring 2019

Political Science Practicum III

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The contents of this syllabus may be subject to changes throughout the semester, which will be announced in advance (i.e., before they come into effect). Furthermore, the course requirements stipulated in this syllabus also apply to students who plan to earn credit for “OPTION 2” of POLS-Y 350 (5405) Politics of the European Union (Spring 2019).

Course Description

This course familiarizes students with deliberative bargaining processes in highly institutionalized political environments, and the European Union (EU) in particular. It does so by preparing students for the Midwest Model European Union (MMEU) conference, which takes place in the Indiana Memorial Union (IMU) in Bloomington on March 28-30th, 2019. This class begins by surveying the rules that govern the MMEU “breakout sessions”, as well as the different roles that the delegates occupy in them (Part I). Next, it equips students with the skills to read, write and debate short policy directives from the perspective of the country that they represent at the conference (Part II). Several practicum sessions follow (Part III), in which students put into practice these skills in settings that approximate the MMEU experience. Finally, students will represent Indiana University Bloomington and debate their peers from other colleges and universities from around the U.S. at the MMEU conference (Part IV).

Credit Hours: 1

Required Textbook

N.a.

Course Requirements (percentages indicate weights for your final score):

Information Sessions (4 in total; 2.5% each)	10%
Weeks 2-6; sign in-class attendance sheet.	
Assignments (2 in total; 20% each)	40%
Paper copies are due in class:	
#1 due on Friday (3:30 p.m.) of Week 6 (2/15).	
#2 due on Friday (3:30 p.m.) of Week 8 (3/1).	
Practice Sessions (2 in total; 5% each)	10%
Weeks 8-10; sign in-class attendance sheet.	
MMEU Conference	40%
Thursday, March 28 th -Saturday, March 30 th , IMU.	

Attendance (Information and Practice Sessions)

Attendance of information and practice sessions is mandatory, affects your grade and is recorded using in-class sign-in sheets. You can request excused absences for illness, familial situations demanding your immediate attention, religious observances, and official IU business. Each session, you are expected to have read the assigned materials in advance, to have studied the material discussed in the previous session, and to participate actively and meaningfully.

Assignments

Students are required to submit a total of two assignments. Printed copies are due in class on the dates listed in the syllabus. For Assignment 2, students should also submit a digital copy through Canvas before the due date. Students should complete these assignments on their own. Late assignments are heavily penalized. Assignments are posted on Canvas.

MMEU Conference

The MMEU component of your final class score reflects your participation and performance at the MMEU conference, from Thursday, March 28th, approximately 4:00 p.m., to early afternoon on Saturday, March 30th. If your course schedule conflicts with these dates and times, notify the instructor no later than Friday, January 18th, 3:30 p.m. The instructor will subsequently contact the corresponding instructor(s) on your behalf to request an excused absence for the activities that conflict with the MMEU conference. Excused absences for the MMEU conference itself are granted for the same reasons as described above under "Attendance". More information about the MMEU conference can be found online at <https://euro.indiana.edu/news-events/mmeu/index.html>. Your MMEU participation and performance score in part reflects your adherence to the norms, rules and guidelines that can be found on this website, including the ones that appear in the online documents that are posted there (and on Canvas).

Reading Requirements

The assigned readings are listed in the course outline presented below. All assigned readings can be accessed via Canvas. To facilitate class discussions, please bring the assigned readings to the corresponding class days (either paper copies or digital versions).

Letter Grade Policies

The final class score ranges from 0 to 100 points. Together with the remaining grade policies detailed below, your final score determines your final letter grade, which is assigned on the basis of the following letter grade distribution:

≥ 60.00	P	(Pass)
≤ 59.99	F	(Fail)

Academic Integrity

As a student at IU, you are expected to adhere to the standards and policies detailed in the *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct* (available online at the following website: <http://studentcode.iu.edu>). When you submit an assignment with your name on it, you are signifying that the work contained therein is yours, unless otherwise cited or referenced. Any ideas or materials taken from another source for either written or oral use must be fully acknowledged. If you are unsure about the expectations for completing an assignment or taking a test or exam, be sure to seek clarification beforehand. All suspected violations of the Code will be handled according to University policies. Sanctions for academic misconduct may include a failing grade on the assignment, reduction in your final course grade, a failing grade in the course, among other possibilities, and must include a report to the Dean of Students, who may impose additional disciplinary sanctions.

Re: Note Selling

Several commercial services have approached students regarding selling class notes/ study guides to their classmates. Please be advised that selling a faculty member's notes/ study guides individually or on behalf of one of these services using IU email, Canvas, or Oncourse violates both IU information technology and IU intellectual property policy. Selling the faculty member's notes/ study guides to fellow students in this course is not permitted. Violations of this policy will be considered violations of the *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct* and will be reported to the Dean of Students as a violation of course rules (academic misconduct). Sanctions for academic misconduct may include a failing grade on the assignment for which the notes/ study guides are being sold, a reduction in your final course grade, a failing grade in the course, among other possibilities.

Notifications via Canvas

The default notification settings for Canvas can be found online at the following website: <https://kb.iu.edu/d/bfd1>. Students can customize these settings as they wish. Please note, however, that these customizations will apply to all courses in which you are enrolled — there is no way to have messages forwarded for one course, but not for others, for example. By default, you will receive messages (“conversations”) and announcements forwarded to your IU account; if you choose to modify this default setting, it will be your responsibility to make sure you check Canvas regularly for communications.

Course Outline

The weekly coverage is tentative and might change as it depends on the progress of the class. However, you must keep up with the assigned readings as indicated below.

Week	Topics and Readings
	Part I: Rules and Roles
Week 1	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 1/11: Course Requirements <i>Readings:</i> class syllabus
Week 2	Information Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 1/18: MMEU Institutions <i>Readings:</i> general and role-specific MMEU guidelines
Week 3	Information Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 1/25: Rules of Order <i>Readings:</i> rules of order guidelines
	Part II: Directive Proposals
Week 4	Information Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 2/1: Reading Directives <i>Readings:</i> Directives 1 and 2
Week 5	No Class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 2/8: no class. <i>Readings:</i> n.a.
Week 6	Information Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 2/15: Writing Directives <i>Readings:</i> Directives 3 and 4 <i>Assignment 1 is to be submitted in class no later than 3:30 p.m.</i>

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Week	Topics and Readings
Part III: Practice Sessions	
Week 7	<p>No Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 2/22: no class <p><i>Readings: n.a.</i></p>
Week 8	<p>Practice Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 3/1: Foreign Policy; Economic and Financial Policy <p><i>Readings: Directives 5 and 6</i> <i>Assignment 2 is to be submitted in class and through Canvas no later than 3:30 p.m.</i></p>
Week 9	<p>No Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 3/8: no class. <p><i>Readings: n.a.</i></p>
Week 10	<p>Practice Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 3/22: Environmental Policy; Justice and Home Affairs <p><i>Readings: Directives 7 and 8</i></p>
Part IV: Midwest Model European Union	
Week 11	<p>MMEU Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 3/28: Conference Day 1 (~4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) • Friday 3/29: Conference Day 2 (~10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) • Saturday 3/30: Conference Day 3 (~10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

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