Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: POS 165

Course Title: Introduction to European Politics

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences
PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer
CIP Code: 54.0103
Repeatability: 0

Effective Date: Summer 2026

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3
Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3	Lab: 0	Clinical: 0	**Total: 3**

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Discussion from cold war to new order with emphasis on political changes in Eastern Europe and their effects, restructuring of Europe, and transition from confrontation to cooperation in superpower relations. (Salzburg Study Abroad Program only)

General Course Objectives

This course will examine the relationships between eastern and western nations since the end of World War II. Particular focus will be placed on United States, Soviet, and German relations, including European integration.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
None	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

35% of grade: 1 objective midterm exam. 35% of grade: 1 objective final exam. 30% of grade: 1 semester term paper (6-8 pages).

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

A reader will be provided by the course instructor, compiled from a broad range of up-to-date literature.

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Reasoning and Inquiry: Students will demonstrate the ability to solve problems using deductive reasoning and logic, quantitative reasoning, or the scientific method.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Basic Thoughts in the Study of European Politics; Europe in the International System; Survey of Political, Economic, and Social History; Modern European Political System	1. Identify United States, German, and Soviet foreign policies relevant to each other.	10	0	0
The Cold War Years; Europe Post-World War II; Western Response to Soviet Expansionism; The German Question and Berlin - I; The Process of European Integration	1. Pinpoint the relationship between the U.S., the Soviet Union, and Germany since World War II.	10	0	0
The Period of Détente; From Cold War to Détente; German Question and Berlin - II; Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe; Superpower Rivalry; Arms Race and Arms Control Process	1. Describe, in essay format, the post-historical events and foreshadow future events based on the topics studies.	10	0	0
Contemporary and Future European Politics; After Afghanistan: The New Cold War; Revolutions in Eastern Europe; German Question and Berlin - III; Reconstructing Europe; A New World Order?	1. Identify the major issues and conflicts in European politics.	15	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0