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**POL 6647**

**EUROPE IN WORLD AFFAIRS**

**COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE :** POL 6647, Europe in World Affairs

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. Hans J. Peterson, TSU Professor Emeritus of International Relations

**REQUIRED TEXT:**

McCormick, John: Understanding The European Union. New York: PALGRAVE, 2002. ISBN 0-333-94867-X (pb)

**RECOMMENDED TEXT ( for those without background in European History:)**

Paxton, Robert O. Europe in the Twentieth Century. Harcourt Brace (any edition is ok)

**CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION:** A multi-disciplinary and multi-theoretical approach to an examination of European politics, legal systems, economics, culture, military power, geography, and their impact on European regional relations and linkages to the world system

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Upon completion of POL 6647, the student should understand and appreciate the components, functions, and purposes of the European Union. He/she will also be aware of problems arising from the multi-cultural makeup of the component parts, i.e. nation-states, of the EU.

**COURSE RELATIONSHIPS:** Study and analysis of the EU is a vital part of contemporary international relations. As a relatively recent organisation, the EU can be understood fully only if students are aware of 20th Century conflicts between its members. (Hence the suggestion of the "recommended text" above.) Although detailed examinations of such is not mandatory, students should possess, or be able to gain from supplementary reading, broad-sweep general knowledge of European history.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

- I Careful perusal of the McCormick book
- II Submission of a substantial research paper on a topic proposed by you, discussed with, and approved by the professor
- III Participation in Blackboard Activities: On-going communications with other students and with the professor on the Discussion Board.
- IV A comprehensive final examination

**EVALUATION:**

Formal paper	50%
Comprehensive Exam	30%
Participation	20%