

GE 441 FEASS**TRANSDISCIPLINARY SENIOR PROJECT ELECTIVE COURSE****FALL 2012**

This is a one-semester course offered to senior students in FEASS. It is designed to enhance students' transferable skills in learning beyond their disciplinary boundaries and applying theoretical material to real life issues. Students taking GE 441 form groups consisting of five members composed from the multiple disciplines, and prepare a project that answers a pre-chosen question under the supervision of an advisor. The course components include lectures, weekly meetings with project collaborators as well as the advisor/s, a 3000 jointly written paper and a 10-minute team presentation in front of a panel of experts. Overall, the course is designed to prepare students for professional life by providing valuable tools geared toward lifelong learning.

The chosen theme for GE 441 for Fall 2012-13 is 'European Union'. Understanding the European Union requires mobilising the expertise of various areas of knowledge including economics and international relations, and as such is an ideal theme for a FEASS interdisciplinary project course. The course will expose the students to the political economy of the European Union, which includes a wide range of policy topics that are very interdisciplinary in nature.

This course is designed to introduce students to the political and economic aspects of the European Union (EU). It starts with an overview of the political and economics frameworks regarding the European integration, followed by a discussion of several policy areas relevant to the EU including but not limited to the single market, EMU, CAP, regional policy, and foreign and external relations. These topics allow the students to study each in an interdisciplinary framework.

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Objective of the course

Interdisciplinary project courses have proven to be valuable tools in preparing students for professional life. They do this by helping students to: 1) broaden their theoretical and empirical knowledge beyond their own disciplinary boundaries; 2) learn how to apply theoretical knowledge to 'real world' issues; 3) learn to communicate and cooperate across disciplines.

GE 441 is designed keeping in mind three purposes that involve teaching the students how to:

- apply their theoretical knowledge to 'real world' issues
- broaden their horizons beyond their own discipline
- manage a group project.

Students from FEASS will be working in groups of five participants. Each group will complete an empirical research project that includes the analysis of a topic from the perspectives of economics and international relations disciplines.

Course Format

The format of the course combines the seminars with group work. The course structure will be as follows:

- Throughout the semester, **seminars** bringing together the whole student body will be run by the two advisors to disseminate knowledge on the mechanics of the group project as well as issue of substance. Students are required to attend all seminars.
- The advisors will present analysis similar to the research expected from the students. Furthermore **guest speakers** from within Bilkent University and beyond will be invited. Attendance to such seminars would also be compulsory for the students.
- Every week **groups will meet with their advisors**. The advisor will provide a detailed list of tasks to fulfil and deadlines to meet by the end of the semester. The students are expected to report on their progress, receive feedback and integrate this feedback into their assignments.
- Groups will have **meetings with all advisors** four times during the semester to help with designing multidisciplinary research and receive feedback. During these weeks, students will do team presentations on their progress thus far. This is to ensure the interdisciplinary nature of the project throughout the semester.
- At the end of the semester, there will be a one-day **panel** where all groups will present the results of their research. Groups should submit their work to the two advisors at least 10 days before the workshop date. They should also distribute their reports to other groups who will be presenting on the same day. Students' group presentations and other performance in the workshop (asking questions, providing comments) will constitute a part of their grade.
- Please follow the Facebook page of the course for the updates and the course calendar: <http://www.facebook.com/BilkentGE440>

Organisation

The course will be run **jointly** by the two participating departments – Economics and International Relations. This will be a one-semester course and the students will work in **groups** composed of 5 members (composed from multiple disciplines).

Each group will have an **academic advisor**. Academic advisors will be responsible for running the seminars, guiding students through various steps of the search process, grading and providing feedback on various components of the project, and grading (jointly with other advisors) the final project. Every group will be assigned one advisor (from one of the two Departments). The final project will be graded (on paper and as presented at the workshop) by a committee composed of the academic advisor and two other advisors from two cooperating departments. This is to ensure that not only the composition of the group but the research conducted remains interdisciplinary.

Important Information on Academic Honesty

One of the vital conditions for creating a productive and healthy academic environment is to conduct research without violating academic honesty. For the success of our course, academic honesty has utmost importance. This means that **plagiarism that is representing another's work as one's own** will not be tolerated. Violations of academic honesty can result in disciplinary action, as stated in the "Student Disciplinary Rules and Regulation":

"The use of somebody else's ideas, viewpoints, findings or works in a paper, project report or a similar document which is presented as part of a course requirement, without proper acknowledgement of the source, can result in suspension from the University for one week to one month." (Item 7.j)

For more information about Bilkent University Academic Honesty Policy, see:
<http://www.provost.bilkent.edu.tr/procedures/AcademicHonesty.htm>

Assessment Criteria

Assessment will be based on components corresponding with the completion of various tasks. These are:

- WEEK 3: Operationalising the research question (300-word prospectus on how the group plans to approach the research question in a multidisciplinary manner) – 5%
- WEEK 6: Literature review (an annotated bibliography of the literature from the disciplines on the subject matter; to be presented to the advisors) – 10%
- WEEK 8: Data collection (short presentation to the advisor) – 5%
- WEEK 11: Analysis of the data (short presentation to the the advisors) – 10%
- WEEK 12: Written report submission (3000-word draft presented 10 days in advance of the workshop) – 10%
- WEEK 14: Presentation at the workshop in front of a panel – 20%
- January 4th: Submission of final report – 20%
 - Peer evaluations – 7%
 - Short essay explaining their group process and experience – 3%
 - Instructor Evaluation – 10%

GE 441 Weekly Breakdown

GE 441 Interdisciplinary Senior Project Elective Course Fall 2012
Week 1 (17-21 September) 19 September, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) – V04 Lecture by Advisors: Introduction to GE441 and the European Union 21 September, Friday (15:40-16:40) – V04 Lecture by Advisors: Introduction EU – Historical Background and Institutional Architecture
Week 2 (24-28 September) 26 September, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) – V04 Lecture by Advisors: Introduction EU – Historical Background and Institutional Architecture (continued) 28 September, Friday (15.40-16.40) Two class-rooms TBA Session with Advisors
Week 3 (1-5 October) 3 October, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) – V04 Lecture by Advisors: Understanding Integration from Political and Economic Frameworks 5 October, Friday (15:40-16:40) – V04 Lecture by Dr. Zeynep Sayım: Interdisciplinary Teamwork Submission of 300-word research prospectus
Week 4 (8 – 12 October) 10 October, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) – V04 Lecture by Lecture by Dr. Tijen Akşit: How to Write a Research Project 12 October, Friday (15.40-16.40) Burak Erdenir, AB Bakanlığı Müsteşar Yard.
Week 5 (15-19 October)

<p>17 October, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) Two class-rooms TBA Lecture and Session with Advisors</p> <p>19 October, Friday (15.40-16.40) – V04</p>
<p>Week 6 (29 October-2 November)</p> <p>31 October March, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) Lecture on EMU and the Euro</p> <p>2 November, Friday (15.40-16.40) V-04 Class cancelled</p> <p>Submission of annotated bibliography</p>
<p>Week 7 (5-9 November)</p> <p>7 November, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) AB Buyukelcisi 9 November, Friday (15.40-16.40) – V04 Group Presentations to the Advisors: Literature Review</p>
<p>Week 8 (12-16 November)</p> <p>14 November, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) and 16 November, Friday (15.40-16.40) – V04 Group Presentations to the Two Advisors: Collected Data</p> <p>Submission of Collected Data Report</p>
<p>Week 9 (19-23 November)</p> <p>21 November, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) – V04 Lecture by Basak Yavcan</p> <p>23 November, Friday (15.40-16.40) – V04 Lecture by Tolga Bolukbasi</p>
<p>Week 10 (26-30 November)</p> <p>28 November, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) – V04 Mehmet Auf</p> <p>30 November, Friday (15.40-16.40)) Lecture by Nilgün Arisan Eralp, TEPAV</p>
<p>Week 11 (3-7 December)</p> <p>5 December, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) and 7 December 20 April, Friday (15.40-16.40) – V04 Group Presentations to the Three Advisors: Analysis of Data</p> <p>Submission of Data Analysis Report</p>
<p>Week 12 (10-14 December)</p> <p>12 December, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) – C-Block Amphi Lecture by Turalay Kenç – Merkez Bankası Başkan Yardımcısı</p> <p>14 December, Friday (15.40-16.40) – C-Block Amphi</p>

Lecture by Murat Karayağın, Dışışleri Eski Bakanı
Writing of the Report (3000-word draft submitted 10 days in advance of the Panel)
Week 13 (17-21 December)
19 December, Wednesday (13.40-14.40) – V04 Lecture by Martin Raiser, Country Director of World Bank for Turkey
21 December, Friday (15.40-16.40) – V04 Lecture by TEPAV ve Yusuf Isık
Week 14 (24-28 December)
Panel Week – V04 26 December: Group Presentations Omer Faruk Colak, Fatih Ozatay, Nilgun Arisan Eralp ?, Emin Capa ?, Dimitris?

Recommended Readings about the European Union (in alphabetical order)

- Ali Tekin and Paul Williams, *Geo-politics of the Euro-Asia Energy Nexus: The European Union, Russia and Turkey* (Basingstoke ,UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011) (At Reserve Desk)
- Barry Eichengreen, Dieter Stiefel, Michael Landesmann, *The European Economy in an American Mirror*, 2007, Routledge (At Reserve Desk)
- Christopher Hill and Michael Smith (eds.), *International Relations and the European Union* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005) (At Reserve Desk)
- Dermot McCann, *The Political Economy of the European Union 2010*, Wiley. (At Reserve Desk)
- Desmond Dinan, *Ever Closer Union* (New York: Palgrave, 2005), 3rd edition (At Reserve Desk)
- Helen Wallace and William Wallace (eds.), *Policy-making in the European Union* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), 5th edition (At Reserve Desk)
- Ian Bache, Stephen George, Simon Bulmer, *Politics in the European Union* (Oxford: OUP 2011), 3rd edition (At Reserve Desk)
- Kevin Featherstone and Claudio M. Radaelli (eds.), *The Politics of Europeanization* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003) (At Reserve Desk)
- Maria Green Cowles, James Caporaso and Thomas Risse (eds.), *Transforming Europe* (New York: Cornell University Press, 2001) (At Reserve Desk)
- Michael Artis and Frederick Nixon, *Economics of the European Union*, 2007, Oxford University Press. (At Reserve Desk)
- Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds.), *European Union Politics* (Oxford: OUP 2010), 3rd edition (At Reserve Desk)
- Olivier Blanchard, Francesco Giavazzi, Alessia Amighini, *Macroeconomics: A European Perspective* , Financial Times Press, 2011. (At Reserve Desk)
- Pascal Fontaine, “Europe in 12 Lessons”, available at http://ec.europa.eu/publications/booklets/eu_glance/91/index_en.htm
- Richard Baldwin and Charles Wyplosz, *The Economics of European Integration*, 2013 (McGraw Hill) (At Reserve Desk)

