This course is about the European Union. The European Union represents the most successful case of regional economic and political integration between 28 countries yet its future is being questioned in light of recent fiscal crisis and political backlash at the polls. Citizens of EU member states recently votes in favor of anti-EU political parties at the June 2014 election for the EU Parliament and sent shockwaves across the Union. Yet, it is too early and simplistic to rule the EU dead! Its level of economic, financial, and political union (though far more limited) make it almost impossible to disassemble what has been achieved. However, many political leaders and citizens want to reexamine where the EU is headed and perhaps bring it back to the original intent of the Treaty of Rome—a mere Common Market. In this class will focus on how the EU evolved since its beginnings in the 1950s, on its present-day organization and functions, how the member countries interact with one another in making EU policies for jointly regulating their internal economies and societies as well as their external policies, and what options lie ahead for EU’s political leaders and citizens.
COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:
1. Midterm examination – 40 percent of class grade.
2. Final examination – 50 percent of class grade.
3. Class participation (attendance is mandatory) – 10 percent of class grade.

ALL STUDENTS: You are required by PSU to complete an online training module on D2L on “Creating a Safe Environment: Preventing Gender Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault.” This should be completed no later than the end of Fall 2014 Term. See: https://d2l.pdx.edu/d2l/lp/ouHome/home.d2l?ou=425907

Readings: There three books for purchase:

Additional readings will be provided by the instructor on D2L.

WEEKLY READINGS:

9/29 – 10/1: European Union Integration
Staab, Ch. 1;
Z&D, Ch. 1 & 6.

10/3 – 10/10: Treaties, Institutions, and Democratic Governance
Staab, Ch. 3-8;
Z&D, Ch. 2-3
Stefan Collignon, "Why Europe needs a political union with full democracy"

10/13 - 10/17: EU Enlargement and the Next Challenges
Staab, Ch. 2;
Z&D, Ch. 13

10/20: The Single Market
Staab, Ch. 9
Z&D, Ch. 4

10/22: Cohesion Policies
Staab, Ch. 10
Z&D, Ch. 9

10/24: Common Agricultural Policy
Staab, Ch. 11
Z&D, Ch. 10
10/27 – 10/29: Justice and Home Affairs
   Staab, Ch. 13
   Z&D, Ch. 5

10/31: MIDTERM EXAMINATION (in class, bring blue books)

11/3: Environmental Policies
   Staab, Ch.16

11/5 – 11/7: Foreign Economic Policies
   Staab, Ch. 15
   Z&D, Ch. 11

11/10 – 11/19: EMU and Financial Crisis
   Marsh, Read the entire book.
   Staab, Ch. 12 & 17
   Z&D, Ch. Ch. 7 -8.
   Kugler, Fismanoglu, and Yesilada. "Consequences of Reversing the European Union Integration."

11/21 – 12/1: Common Foreign and Security Policy
   Staab, Ch. 14
   Z&D, Ch. 12 & 14

11/28: THANKSGIVING VACATION

12/3: Future of the EU
   Staab, Ch. 18

12/5: Review

FINAL EXAMINATION, Wednesday Dec. 10 @ 10:15 – 12:05 in class.