Course: Transatlantic Governance & Policy – Study Abroad Course (Tentative)

PS1349

Description: The political, economic and defense links between North American countries and European countries have created an ever-increasing number of governance and policy issues. This course is designed to introduce the students to the links and relations between the United States of America, the European Union and EU member states. Since the signing of the New Transatlantic Agenda in 1995, the United States and the European Union have launched numerous working groups on trade, security and foreign policy, energy and climate change, and finally the digital market.

In this course students will have the opportunity to take a close look at the cooperation and governance framework in the transatlantic partnership. The course will take students to different sites in Washington, D.C. and Brussels to explore a number of issue-areas, including the impact of the current U.S. administration’s trade and tariff policy on transatlantic relations, and the most recent defense talks within NATO. It will also explore how forces like Brexit and the refuge crisis are testing the sustainability of the EU, and examine the populist and nationalist political movements challenging liberal democracy on both sides of the Atlantic.

Students will be responsible for readings, participation in the talks and q&a at the site visits, participation during the lecture/seminar hours at the hotels, and a final paper.

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Objectives:  1) To offer students the opportunity to learn about and study the workings of the Transatlantic Partnership, with particular focus on the economic and security dimension of the partnership.

2) To introduce students to the practice of Atlantic cooperation, and the governance structure sustaining it since the postwar era.

3) To facilitate the development of global cultural competency among students and provide students with an understanding of how historical, economic, political, and security issues impact relations between America and Europe.

Contact Hours: The course will have a total of (#) contact hours comprised of classroom lectures and discussions conducted during the tour (please see the syllabus below for details).

Texts: Students will receive a packet with the assigned readings.

For students who have little knowledge of the European Union, here are some sources to consult before the tour begins:


“Everything You Need to Know about European Political Union,” The Economist, July 27, 2015, go to: http://www.economist.com/blogs/economist-explains/2015/07/economist-explains-20?zid=307&ah=5e80419d1bc9821be173f4f0f060a07

Lectures: Sunday, May 12, 5-6pm
The Historical Evolution of the Transatlantic Partnership; Why Study Transatlanticism?

Readings:


**Monday, May 13, 1:30-4:30pm**

Global Governance, World Politics and Transatlantic Relations

**Readings:**


**Wednesday, May 15, 1:30-4:30pm**

Transatlantic Governance, Administrative Cultures, and ‘Special Relationships’

**Readings:**


**Friday, May 17, 1:30-4:30pm**

Transatlantic Economic and Security Issues

**Readings:**


Monday, May 20, 5:00-6:00pm
The European Union: A Brief History

Readings:

Tuesday, May 21, 9:00-11:00am
The European Union: Institutions and Policy-Making

Readings:


Thursday, May 23, 9:00-11:00am
The EU and NATO

Readings:


Monday, May 27, 1:30-4:30pm
U.S., Europe and Migration

Readings:


Wednesday, May 29, 1:30-3:00pm
Transatlantic Governance and Policy: What Have We Learned? What Future for Transatlantic Relations?

Readings: