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Lectures: MWF, period 4 (10:40-11:30 AM), Pugh 120
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Course description
The course will cover selected topics in geography to enhance students’ understanding of the evolving physical, demographic, economic and cultural environment in Europe. The goal of the course is to give students a solid academic and practical foundation to analyze the historical, current, and future features and events of Europe.

Recommended materials
- Course pack available at Target Copy
- Access to atlas that includes detailed map of the European region, for instance: Goode’s World Atlas

For class materials and grades, please visit E-Learning (Canvas) at http://lss.at.ufl.edu/. If you experience problems trying to log in, contact the UF Computing Help Desk: The Hub, 392-HELP for assistance.

Topics covered/course outline:
- Intro to the regional geography of Europe
- Physical landscapes
- Climate
- Natural resources
- Environmental problems
- Natural hazards
  Exam 1
- Language
- Religion
- The rise and fall of empires
- Political geography
- European Union
- Urbanism
- Tourism
- Popular culture
  Exam 2

Course structure:
This course consists of
- Lectures
- Movies
- Quizzes
- Assignments
- Exams
Tentative exam dates
Exam 1: February 18th
Exam 2: April 17th

Grading Scale
A  92-100%  A-  90-91.9%
B+ 88-89.9%  B  82-87.9%  B-  80-81.9%
C+ 78-79.9%  C  72-77.9%  C-  70-71.9%
D+ 68-69.9%  D  62-67.9%  D-  60-61.9%
E  Less than 60%

Course evaluation:
Exam 1: 25%
Exam 2: 25%
Assignments/quizzes: 25%
Semester project: 25%

Rules:
• Your grade will be based on your performance in this class only.

• No attendance will be taken unless required by the university or some other authority. If a conflict arises where you know you will be absent, make arrangements with the instructor, or a classmate, ahead of time. If you are unexpectedly forced to miss class, on a case by case basis with proper documentation assistance may be available.

• There will be NO makeup exams given. If an unavoidable event arises and causes you to miss, or anticipate missing an exam, please come and see the instructor. Bring any formal documentation that supports the absence. You must have some written form validating your absence, for example a doctor’s receipt. At that time it will be totally up to the instructor’s discretion to decide if any credit can be gained for the missed exam.

• Do not be late for exams. You will have only the normal class time for your exams.

• You will not be allowed to start an exam more than 10 min late, nor are you allowed to hand in your exam and leave the classroom during the first 10 min of the class.

• Cheating will not be tolerated according to the University rules. The University of Florida Honor Code states: “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.” As such, cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. The first case of academic dishonesty will receive a grade of zero for the assignment or exam. A second offense will result in a report to the appropriate student body.

Special Accommodation
Students with a disability are requested to notify the instructor during the first two weeks of class to implement appropriate learning accommodations. Documentation for learning accommodations recommended by the University of Florida’s Office for Disability Services is requested. The office is located on the first floor of Reid Hall and the phone number is 392-8565.

Course evaluation
Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results.

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus at any time for any reason.