



FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Department of Political Science
and Geography
Selection Committee

International Collaboration Grant

3 November 2016

Dear Colleagues,

Enclosed please find materials in support of my application for an International Collaboration Grant (ICG), which I will use to support leading a travel study course to our partner at the European Academy Otzenhausen (EAO), Germany, during the Late Spring 2017 term. The course, 'European Integration' (POL 341: Special Topics in Comparative Politics) will introduce approximately 10 FMU students to the political study of the European Union, while traveling in Europe. Successful students will earn three hours of upper-level political science credit, which can be applied to a major, minor, collateral, or general education requirement. The course is a partner course with HNRS 286 ('Sustainable Development'), which will be led by Dr. Lorna Cintron-Gonzalez and which will feature an additional 10 students from industrial engineering.

Both courses will be offered as multi-site travel courses, with students completing the first unit in a traditional classroom setting at Francis Marion, before embarking upon a two-week travel component to the EAO campus in Saarland, Germany. While in Europe, my political science students will continue to attend course lectures and activities at EAO, as well as visit the major EU institutional sites, such as the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg, Luxembourg), the European Parliament (Strasbourg, France), and the European Commission (Brussels, Belgium). By the end of the course, students will have first-hand knowledge of the history and purpose of the EU, its political institutions, and its role in the national politics of Europe.

Should my application be successful, I intend to use the ICG to fund my private costs of travel to and lodging at EAO. The combination of roundtrip airfare to Frankfurt, Germany, along with full room and board at EAO, will likely surpass the \$2,500 available via the ICG program. However, this funding nonetheless plays a central role in supporting my ability to offer the course to our students.

Attached please find documents in support of this proposal, including student recruitment materials, a course syllabus, and a letter of support from Dr. David White. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you require any additional information regarding this application.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Professor of Political Science

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European Integration Late Spring 2017

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Lectures:	M – F, 9.00a-12.00p	Office Hours:	M – F, 12.30-2.00p
Class:	241 CEMC	Office:	134 Founders Hall

1. Course Overview

This course introduces students to the political institutions of the European Union. It provides a historical and theoretical overview of the Union's foundational treaties and initial organizations, as well as a discussion of its contemporary institutions of governance. The second portion of the course will be held in Europe, including site visits to a number of the EU institutions addressed in class. By the end of the course, students will have first-hand knowledge of the history and development of EU institutions, as well as a deep appreciation for the role of the EU in the broader national politics of Europe.

2. Required Texts

- Cini & Perez-Solano Borrison. 2013. *European Union Politics*. Oxford. [CPSB]
- Eppink. 2015. *Empire of Little Kings: Inside the European Parliament*. Uitgeverij Pelckmans. [EPP] (NB. This book is only available on amazon.co.uk or bookstore)
- Additional readings will be placed on Black Board [BB]

3. Grading Scale and Composition

A (90-100), B+ (87-89), B (80-86), C+ (77-79), C (70-76), D+ (67-69), D (60-66), F (0-59)

IN grades will only be given for extenuating personal circumstances that have been appropriately justified to both the instructor and the department chair. Because the course ends after the scheduled date for Late Spring final exams, it is possible that students may initially receive a grade of CO ('continuing') on their transcripts.

Written Exam	19 May	35%
Reading Quiz	30 May	10%
Reflection Journal	31 May	25%
Participation	<u>cumulative</u>	<u>30%</u>
	Total =	100%

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4. Course Requirements

Students will be evaluated on the course material through an in-class exam, a reading quiz, a journal reflecting upon class workshops and site visits in Europe, and participation in all aspects of the travel course program.

A **written exam** will test student knowledge on the introductory components of the course. This is the main exam for the class and will test material on the European Union's historical development, its foundational and governing treaties, and its major political institutions. The exam will be completed on campus at Francis Marion University, prior to departure for Europe. A brief **reading quiz** will test student understanding of additional assigned materials, covered while at the European Academy.

A **reflection journal** will be submitted at the end of the travel portion of the course and will address the course's site visits, workshops, and guest lectures. By assigning an evaluative travel journal, students will return from their travel with a record of the many new places and people that they will have experienced, as well as consider their relevance to the course materials.

Attendance and participation are absolutely mandatory at all meetings, workshops, and site visits. Students will be penalized at a rate of 5% off the final course grade, per absence, for all unexcused absences. Students who miss more than one class session, prior to travel to Europe, will be dropped from the course and will not travel with the group. No refunds will be offered by the program. Absences may only be excused ahead of time and must be accompanied with sufficient documentation. Do **NOT** test me on this point.

Students are responsible for their preparation and participation in class. If I feel that student preparation is inadequate, I reserve the right to jeopardize any portion of your course grade through the use of **unannounced quizzes**.

5. Classroom Policies

You are responsible for using your **FMU email account** and checking it regularly. I am not responsible for communicating with students via private email addresses and will only initiate contact with students on their FMU email handles.

All students are required to follow Francis Marion University's policies regarding **cheating and plagiarism**. I expect strict adherence to the requirements discussed at length in the current edition of the Student Handbook. If you cheat or are caught plagiarizing, you will receive a grade of zero for the assignment. I will refer **all** cases of suspected academic dishonesty to the Provost.

Cell phones and other wireless devices may not be during classroom lectures and activities.

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If you have a **documented learning disability** and require assistance, please consult with the Office of Counseling and Testing as early as possible in the term. Please then present the paperwork to me within the first two class sessions and schedule a time outside of class for us to develop a plan to best meet your needs.

Late work will not be accepted in this course, due to the short time period in which we meet.

Alternate exam times must be scheduled well in advance and should be supported by appropriate documentation. Students who miss the written exam without prior arrangements for a make-up will **not** be allowed to retake that exam. Alternate exams may vary in form and content from the main class exam.

6. Course Schedule and Readings Due

Week 1. FMU Course Seminars

9. May *Historical Foundations of the EU* [CPSB, ch. 1-4]

- 9.00a The European Community, 1945-1985
- 10.00a The European Union, 1985-1999
- 11.00a Implementing the Lisbon Treaty, 2000-present

10. May *Theories of European Integration* [CPSB, ch. 5-8]

- 9.00a Neo-functionalism
- 10.00a Intergovernmentalism
- 11.00a Multi-Level Governance, Constructivism, and Political Economy

11. May *EU Institutions* [CPSB, ch. 10-12]

- 9.00a The European Commission
- 10.00a The Council of the European Union
- 11.00a The European Parliament

12. May *EU Legislative Process* [CPSB, ch. 13-15]

- 9.00a Interest Groups in the European Union
- 10.00a Policy Making in the European Union
- 11.00a The Courts of the European Union

Weekend 1. Free Weekend

- Pack and prepare for travel!

Week 2. FMU, Travel to Germany, and Visit to Luxembourg

15. May *Major Policy Debates* [CPSB, ch. 19; 22; 23; 27]

- 9.00a The Single Market
- 10.00a Economic and Monetary Union
- 11.00a The Common Agricultural Policy

16. May *Exam and Travel Overview* [Study]

- 9.00a **Course Exam**
- 11.00a Travel Itinerary Review Meeting

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17. May *Travel to Germany* [Begin to read **Eppink** book! Finish by 5/30!]
- 5.30a Departure from FMU campus for Charlotte Airport
 - 10.45a Jet Blue 6218 from Charlotte (CLT) to New York (JFK)
 - 12.37p Arrive at JFK Airport and transfer to international terminal
 - 8.55p Singapore Airlines 25 from New York (JFK) to Frankfurt (FRA)
18. May *Arrival in Germany*
- 10.45a Arrive in Frankfurt (FRA); bus transfer to Otzenhausen and Lunch
 - 3.30p Welcome briefing at European Academy (EAO)
 - 4.15p Afternoon visit to the Celtic Circular Wall (wear walking shoes!)
 - 7.30p Dinner at EAO
19. May *Visit to Luxembourg*
- 7.00a Breakfast at EAO
 - 8.00a Departure for Luxembourg
 - 9.30a Visit European Court of Justice; lunch to follow in Place d'Armes
 - 1.30p Guided walking tour of Luxembourg City and casemates
 - 3.30p Free time in Luxembourg
 - 5.30p Departure for Otzenhausen
 - 7.00p Dinner at EAO
 - 9.00p Kegeln! (Germany's original bowling)

Weekend 2. EAO Seminars in Otzenhausen

20. May *EU Officials Visit Day* [CPSB, ch. 25; 26]
- 8.00a Breakfast at EAO
 - 9.00a EAO Keynote Speech: "Europe is our destiny! Why we need Europe."
Christian Falkowski, former ambassador for the European Commission
 - 11.00a Coffee break
 - 11.30a Guest Seminar: "Public Opinion and the EU; The Rise of Euroscepticism"
Prof. Dr. Joachim Schild, University of Trier
 - 1.00p Lunch at EAO
 - 2.30p Guest Seminar: "Working for the EU and Life as an EU Civil Servant"
Mr. Marco Uccelli, European Commission
 - 4.30p Free time
 - 7.00p European BBQ Dinner at EAO
21. May *Legislation Seminar and Simulation* [CPSB, ch. 9; 17]
- 9.00a Breakfast at EAO
 - 10.00a "Definitely No Lame Duck: Decision-making process in the EU"
Dipl.-Jur. Sebastian Zeitzmann, EAO

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- 1.00p** Lunch at EAO
- 2.30p** "Let's Talk about Tobacco" Legislation Simulation
with *Dipl.-Jur. Zeitzmann*
- 7.00p** Bus Transfer to village of Longuich
- 7.45p** Mosel wines tasting and Dinner at 'Weingut Schloeder-Thielen'
- 10.00p** Bus transfer to Otzenhausen

Week 3. EAO Seminars, Visits to Strasbourg and Brussels

22. May *EU Policy Challenges and Expansion [CPSB, ch. 20; 21]*
- 9.00a** Breakfast at EAO
 - 10.00a** Guest Seminar: "Enlargement: The Western Balkans, Turkey, and More?"
Dr. (h.c.) Doris Pack, former MEP
 - 1.00p** Lunch at EAO
 - 2.30p** Course Seminar with Dr. Daniel: Europeanization
 - 4.30p** Course Seminar with Dr. Daniel: Regional Europe
 - 7.00p** Dinner at EAO
23. May *Visit to Strasbourg*
- 5.45a** [Early!] Breakfast
 - 6.30a** Departure for Strasbourg
 - 10.00a** Visit to the Council of Europe
 - 12.30p** Group Lunch: Flammkuchen/Tarte Flambée (Alsatian pizza)
 - 2.30p** *Batorama* guided boat tour of Strasbourg
 - 4.00p** Visit of Cathedral
 - 5.00p** Free time in Strasbourg / individual dinner
 - 8.30p** Departure for Otzenhausen
24. May *Global Presence of the EU [CPSB, ch. 16; 18]*
- 9.00a** Breakfast at EAO
 - 10.00a** Guest Seminar: "It's not just EU, it's the world!"
Dr. Carolin Rueger, University of Wuerzburg
 - 12.45p** Lunch at EAO
 - 2.00p** Guest Seminar: "EU-US Transatlantic Relationship"
Dr. Doreen Allerkamp, University of Mannheim (MZES)
 - 7.00p** Dinner at EAO
25. May *Visit to Brussels*
- 6.00a** Breakfast
 - 7.00a** Departure for Brussels
 - 11.00a** Lunch in Schuman/EU Quarter
 - 1.00p** Visit to European Commission

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Afternoon Check-in at hotel (Hotel IBIS Ste. Catherine)
5.30p Guided walking tour of historic Brussels center
Evening Free / individual dinner

26. May *Brussels*

7.30a Breakfast at Hotel
8.30a Bus transfer to Schuman/EU Quarter
9.30a Visit to European Parliament
12.00p Lunch in Parlamentarium bistro
1.30p Visit to Parlamentarium museum
4.00p Visit to Atomium
Evening Free / individual dinner

Weekend 3. EAO and Return to Florence

27. May *Return to Otzenhausen* [Be sure to have completed **Eppink** book by today!]

8.00a Breakfast at Hotel
9.00a Depart for Otzenhausen
1.00p Arrival at Otzenhausen and lunch at EAO
2.30p Final Course Seminar: Reading Quiz on **Eppink** book and **CPSB** chapters
4.30p EAO Closing Seminar
7.00p Farewell Dinner at EAO

28. May *Return to Florence*

4.00a Bus Transfer to Frankfurt Airport (breakfast provided for bus)
****Journals are due by the time we board the bus!****
8.40a Singapore Airlines 26 from Frankfurt (FRA) to New York (JFK)
11.10a Arrival at New York (JFK)
5.00p Jet Blue 1119 from New York (JFK) to Charlotte (CLT)
7.20p Arrival at Charlotte (CLT) and transfer to FMU campus
10.30p Return to FMU Campus

FMU@EAO, v3.0
Late Spring 2017

1. Course Plan and Purpose

Building upon the success of the 2015 and 2016 travel study courses to Otzenhausen, Germany, the political science and physics departments will offer two separate courses at the European Academy of Otzenhausen (in Saarland, Germany) during Late Spring 2017 term. POL 341 (Special Topics: European Integration) and HNRS 286 (Special Topics: Sustainable Development in Europe) will be taught in a unique travel study format, with instruction at both Francis Marion University and in Europe. Students will enroll in either of the two courses. Those who successfully complete the course will receive three credit hours of upper-level political science (for POL 341) or three hours of FMU Honors/ physics credit (HNRS 286), which may be applied to a student's major, minor, or collateral in their relevant degree plan or applied to general education credits in the social or natural sciences.

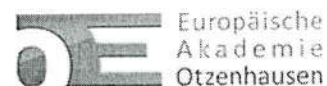
2. Course Dates and Locations

The May period (Late Spring Term) runs from 9-26 May 2017. During the first part of the term, students will attend traditional classes on the FMU campus, where they will be taught by either Dr. William Daniel (POL 341 students) or Dr. Lorna Cintron-Gonzalez (HNRS 286 students). These classes will cover the introductory course material and prepare students for the travel study experience.

During the second part of the term, students will travel to Europe for ten nights (17-28 May), where they will be housed at the Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen (EAO) in Saarland. Students will take part in additional course instruction from FMU faculty, as well as interactive workshops with European practitioners and researchers in their respective fields. They will also travel to site visits in the areas that are relevant to their field (i.e., EU institutions in Luxembourg, France, and Belgium for POL 341; factories and sustainable development projects in Belgium, France, and Germany for HNRS 286).

3. Lodging and Travel

While in Europe, FMU students will be lodged with full board on the EAO campus. EAO offers modern and spacious dormitory rooms, with wifi connectivity and multi-lingual televisions in each room. The EAO campus houses a library, multiple dining facilities, recreational opportunities, and a conference center for course instruction. EAO will coordinate all aspects of student travel while in Europe, from our arrival at Frankfurt airport, to all site visits, until our return to the USA. EAO will also provide all meals in a family dining configuration (including vegetarian/kosher/halal options, as requested).



4. Potential Site Visits

Otzenhausen (POL 341 & HNRS 286) – EAO is situated in the Nonnweiler region of Saarland, which is Germany's southwestern-most province. The region is bordered by Luxembourg to the west and France to the south. Close to the EAO campus are a series of dense, green forests and fresh lakes. Otzenhausen is home to one of the largest Celtic fortifications still standing, dating from the 5th century BCE.

Brussels (POL 341 & HNRS 286) – Home to many of the European Union's governing institutions, Brussels is officially French-Dutch bilingual, but is also known as the 'capital of Europe,' due to the dozens of nationalities that call the city home. Our visit to Brussels will include a stop at the European Commission, as well as the brand-new Parlamentarium museum, housed at the European Parliament.

Strasbourg (POL 341 & HNRS 286) – Strasbourg is the official home of the European Parliament, as well as the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. Sometimes referred to as the 'Venice of the North,' Strasbourg is a city of canals, situated at the confluence of French and German culture.

Luxembourg (POL 341) – The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is one of Europe's smallest countries, but is packed with important history. Luxembourg City is a beautiful, medieval town, perched on a fortified hill, with many of its ancient ramparts still open to visitors. Our stop in Luxembourg will include a trip to the European Court of Justice, the EU's highest court.

Sustainable Manufacturing Site Visits in the SaarLorLux Region (HNRS 286) – Numerous European companies and research centers have adopted sustainable manufacturing practices. These companies work to tackle how to best create products, deliver services or implement new technology "through economically-sound processes that minimize negative environmental impacts while conserving energy and natural resources" (epa.gov). Our site visits will include major commercial partners that are working in this vein, as well as research centers attempting to develop new technologies.

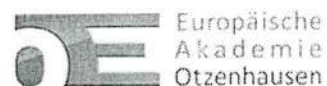
5. Tuition and Fees

A. Course Tuition (~\$1500): three credits of summer tuition

B. Program Fee (\$2000): covers travel, room, board, and all meals during travel

- Round-trip travel from Florence, SC, to Otzenhausen, Germany
- Lodging and all meals at EAO
- Travel and Site Visits provided by EAO

Total Cost: approximately \$3500 (SC in-state student cost)



6. Course Requirements

Students must have successfully completed either POL 101 or POL 103, prior to the start of the Late Spring 2017 term, in order to enroll in **POL 341**. POL 103 is recommended.

While no formal prerequisite exists for **HNRS 286**, preference will be given for students using the course for FMU Honors hours and/or who have already taken coursework in the natural or physical sciences. The Department of Physics and Astronomy may also grant physics credit for this course, at their discretion.

7. Application Checklist

- ✓ Completed Application
- ✓ Letter of Interest
- ✓ Letter of Recommendation (faculty member)
- ✓ Two Additional Faculty References that we may contact
- ✓ Copy of Midterm Grades (first-time freshmen only)

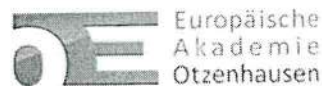
8. Admissions Timeline

- 18. November* – Applications due to Dr. Daniel by 5:00pm
- 5. December* – Applicants notified of application status
- 13. January* – 10% deposit (\$350) due for accepted students
- Spring 2017* – Periodic required meetings to prepare for travel; program fee and tuition costs are due during semester (program fee by Spring Break; tuition in early May)
- 27. March* – Balance of program fee due (\$1650)
- 1. May* – Balance of course tuition due (~\$1500; financial aid may apply)
- 9. May* – Late Spring term begins
- 17. May* – Departure for Germany
- 28. May* – Return from travel to EAO

9. More Information

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William T Daniel (wdaniel@fmarion.edu)
Lorna Cintron-Gonzalez (lcintrongonzalez@fmarion.edu)

Application: Late Spring 2017 EAO Travel Courses

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Classification: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s)/Collateral(s): _____

GPA: _____ (**Freshmen:** include a copy of your midterm grades)

Course for Which You Are Applying:

_____ POL 341: European Integration

_____ HNRS 286: Sustainable Development in Europe

_____ I am open to participating in either course.

Academic Background:

1) Political Science (for POL 341 applicants) or Natural/Physical science coursework (for HNRS 286 applicants) already completed:

2) Political Science or Natural/Physical Science courses currently taking:

3) Are you currently a member of FMU Honors? _____ Yes _____ No

****Applications are due to Dr. Daniel by Friday, 18 November, at 5:00pm****

4) Foreign Language Courses Taken or Currently Taking at FMU:

5a) Will you have completed POL 103 by May 2017 [For POL 341 applicants]?

_____ Yes _____ No

5b) Will you have completed any coursework in the natural or physical sciences by May 2017 [For HNRS 286 applicants]?

_____ Yes _____ No

6) Names of Two Faculty References, other than your letter writer:

Supporting Materials:

1) Please submit a **faculty recommendation** letter in a sealed envelope, with your recommender's signature across the envelope seal. Letters should address your level of academic maturity, ability to work well with others, and your observed level of motivation and independence in your studies.

2) Please submit a **letter of interest** (max 2 pages), along with your application materials. Your letter should address:

- Why you are interested in pursuing travel study in Germany.
- If you have previous experience traveling on your own.
- How you have been exposed to another culture, other than your own.
- Previous life experiences that demonstrate a suitable level of independent initiative and ability to take care of yourself abroad.

****Applications are due to Dr. Daniel by Friday, 18 November, at 5:00pm****

William T Daniel (wdaniel@fmarion.edu)
Lorna Cintron-Gonzalez (lcintrongonzalez@fmarion.edu)

Additional Information:

1) Do you already have a passport that is valid for travel in Europe, with an expiration date **no earlier than November 2017**? _____

2) Are you able to commit to round-trip travel from Florence, SC, during the month of May 2017, as well as to attend a series of **required meetings** during Spring 2017 semester? _____

3) If you are accepted to the program **by December 5**, are you prepared to submit a non-refundable **deposit** of \$350, no later than **January 13**? _____

By **signing below**, you signify your interest in participating in the program and state that all provided materials are true, to the best of your knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Department of Political Science
and Geography

November 9, 2016

Dr. J. Mark Blackwell
International Program Committee
Francis Marion University

Dear Dr. Blackwell:

Dr. William Daniel, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Francis Marion University, has proposed offering a political science special topics course (POL 341) on European Integration during the 2017 Late Spring academic session. The course includes Dr. Daniel accompanying the students on a two-week trip to Europe where students will study at the European Academy Otzenhausen in Germany and visit the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, the European Parliament in France, and the European Commission in Belgium.

This is an excellent learning opportunity for FMU students and it has my complete support. Dr. Daniel has traveled through Europe extensively and the continent is the focus of his research agenda. Consequently I hope that the International Program Committee supports his application for an international collaboration grant. The grant will help pay Dr. Daniel's trip expenses. I foresee no staffing concerns related to this trip.

Thank you for considering Dr. Daniel's application, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David R. White
Professor of Political Science
and Department Chair