

Euros and Cents: From Common Market to European Union

Department of Economics

ECON 2219 Winter 2025-26

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Dalhousie University also acknowledges the histories, contributions, and legacies of African Nova Scotians, who have been here for over 400 years.

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Course Description

The European Union (EU) is one of the pillars of the world economy along with the United States and Japan. What is the EU? How did it become a unified trading entity? What does the EU mean for the world economy? Important questions in an era of globalization. After an historic overview from the Schuman Plan to the Maastricht Meetings the class concentrates on the completion of the internal market and on the impact of the EU on the world economy. The gradual transition from free trade area to customs union to common market and, beyond, economic union is conducted in the analytical framework of economic integration. Topics to be discussed include the gradual removal of barriers, the financial framework and the Euro, trade policy, and the future of the European Union in view of the new entrants from Central and Eastern Europe.

Course Prerequisites

Econ 1101 and 1102 with minimum of C

Student Resources

The TA will be a valuable resource for students during this class. The Ta will be responsible for helping students keep up to date with their presentations milestones and help them develop presentation skills.

Course Structure

Course Delivery

In-person

Lectures

M/W 10h00-11h25, mona Campbell, 1108

Course Materials

Nello, The European Union: Econ, Policy and Hist

Bookstore Link for your course is below. Please share this link so students can buy local at their bookstore:

[https://bookstore.dal.ca/CourseSearch/?course\[\]=SUB,WINT22,ECON,ECON2219,01&](https://bookstore.dal.ca/CourseSearch/?course[]=SUB,WINT22,ECON,ECON2219,01&)

Probably a good idea to get the book – but note that you will have a lot of additional readings to do.

Assessment

Course Assessment

Assessment	Weight (% of final grade)	Date
Presentations (3) 20% each	60%	see schedule.
Final	40%	

Note: class attendance is mandatory for presentations, even if you're not presenting.

Presentations

- Group presentations in groups of 3 students. (maybe 2, depending on class size)
- 15-minute presentation.
- Specific format and rubric will be provided to students as well as topic in onenote.
- No makeup is provided – weight will be placed on final.

Final exam

- *final exam a mix of:*
 - *short answer,*
 - *long discussion*

Other course requirements

- Class attendance is mandatory for presentations, even if you're not presenting. (no shows will be deducted 5 points out of 30 for each day missed)
- Presentations have milestones which need to be done to obtain full points. See presentation details.

Conversion of numerical grades to final letter grades follows the [Dalhousie Grade Scale](#)

A+ (90-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (65-69)	D (50-54)
A (85-89)	B (73-76)	C (60-64)	F (0-49)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (55-59)	

Course Policies on Missed or Late Academic Requirements

- If you have a problem that does not allow you to complete the work on time, email me to find out if a solution is possible.
- ***No Makeup presentation, weight pushed on the final.***

Course Policies related to Academic Integrity

- Students are expected to do their presentation in groups. Equally presenting.
- Use of generative AI – if used for presentation preparation should be fact checked.

Learning Objectives

Learn about the European union

Course Content

Schedule is tentative – presentations dates are set

Week #	date	topic
Week 1	7 jan	Introduction and - Presentations discussion
Week 2	12-14 jan	Overview and background on Europe – to get all up to date • What is the European union? • The institutions of the European union • The member states
Week 3	19-21 jan	The basics of international trade • Comparative advantage • Tariffs and quotas • Trade balance + current accounts The basics of economic integration • Free Trade Agreements • Customs Union • Optimum Currency Areas
Week 4	26 jan	The Origins and Growth of the European Union • The Schuman Plan • The Treaty of Rome

		Europe 1992
	28 jan	Student presentations (The member states)
Week 5	2 feb	Student presentations (The member states)
	4 feb	Student presentations (The member states)
Week 6	9-11 feb	<p>The completion of the internal market (part 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gradual removal of barriers • Equalization, cohesion and convergence <p>The completion of the internal market (part 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The common agricultural policy <p>Merger control</p>
Week 7	16-18 feb	Winter break
Week 8	23-25 feb	<p>The Financial Framework (part 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The European Monetary System • The Road Towards European Monetary Union
Week 9	2 -4 mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations (#2) (2,4,9 march)
Week 10	9 mar	Presentations (#2) (2,4,9 march)
	11 mar	<p>The Financial Framework (part 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECB
Week 11	16-18 mar	<p>The Financial Framework (part 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The European Central Bank and the EURO <p>The Budget of the European Union</p>
Week 12	23 mar	The European Union and World Markets
	25 mar	The Latest Expansion: New Entrants from Central and Eastern Europe
Week 13	30 march- 1 apr	Presentation (#3) (30 march, 1 and 6 april)

Week 14	6 april	Presentation (#3) (30 march, 1 and 6 april)
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University Policies and Statements

Recognition of Mi'kmaq Territory

Dalhousie University would like to acknowledge that the University is on Traditional Mi'kmaq Territory. The Elders in Residence program provides students with access to First Nations elders for guidance, counsel, and support. Visit or e-mail the Indigenous Student Centre at 1321 Edward St or elders@dal.ca. Additional information regarding the Indigenous Student Centre can be found at: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/indigenous.html

Internationalization

At Dalhousie, 'thinking and acting globally' enhances the quality and impact of education, supporting learning that is "interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, global in reach, and orientated toward solving problems that extend across national borders." Additional internationalization information can be found at: <https://www.dal.ca/about-dal/internationalization.html>

Academic Integrity

At Dalhousie University, we are guided in all our work by the values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, responsibility, and respect. As a student, you are required to demonstrate these values in all the work you do. The University provides policies and procedures that every member of the university community is required to follow to ensure academic integrity. Additional academic integrity information can be found at: https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/academic-integrity.html

Accessibility

The Student Accessibility Centre is Dalhousie's centre of expertise for matters related to student accessibility and accommodation. If there are aspects of the design, instruction, and/or experiences within this course (online or in-person) that result in barriers to your inclusion, please contact the Student Accessibility Centre

(https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/accessibility.html) for all courses offered by Dalhousie with the exception of Truro. For courses offered by the Faculty of Agriculture, please contact the Student Success Centre in Truro (<https://www.dal.ca/about-dal/agricultural-campus/student-success-centre.html>)

Conduct in the Classroom – Culture of Respect

Substantial and constructive dialogue on challenging issues is an important part of academic inquiry and exchange. It requires willingness to listen and tolerance of opposing points of view. Consideration of individual differences and alternative viewpoints is required of all class members, towards each other, towards instructors, and towards guest speakers. While expressions of differing perspectives are welcome and encouraged, the words and language used should remain within acceptable bounds of civility and respect.

Diversity and Inclusion – Culture of Respect

Every person at Dalhousie has a right to be respected and safe. We believe inclusiveness is fundamental to education. We stand for equality. Dalhousie is strengthened in our diversity. We are a respectful and inclusive community. We are committed to being a place where everyone feels welcome and supported, which is why our Strategic Direction prioritizes fostering a culture of diversity and inclusiveness (Strategic Priority 5.2). Additional diversity and inclusion information can be found at: <http://www.dal.ca/cultureofrespect.html>

Student Code of Conduct

Everyone at Dalhousie is expected to treat others with dignity and respect. The Code of Student Conduct allows Dalhousie to take disciplinary action if students don't follow this community expectation. When appropriate, violations of the code can be resolved in a reasonable and informal manner - perhaps through a restorative justice process. If an informal resolution can't be reached, or would be inappropriate, procedures exist for formal dispute resolution. The full Code of Student Conduct can be found at: https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/student-life/code-of-student-conduct.html

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https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/fair-dealing-policy-.html

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https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/student-submission-of-assignments-and-use-of-originality-checking-software-policy-.html

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