

**Department of Politics and Economics  
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**GOE 305A – Geography of Europe**

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**Lectures:** Friday, 9 am to noon, G232

**Course Description:** An introduction to the historical, cultural and political geography of Europe including consideration of the question 'what is Europe?'

1. Introducing *Europa*
2. What and where is Europe?
3. Language, Religion and Demography in contemporary Europe
4. The British Isles
5. France, the Low Countries and Belgium
6. Germany, Austria and Switzerland
7. Fennoscandinavia - Europe's North
8. Mediterranean Europe
9. Eastern Europe
10. Post-Soviet eastern Europe/ "The Soviet Story"
11. The "new Europe"?

**In-class map test – 14 October (25%):** Identifying selected regions, cities and topographical features in Europe.

**Essay (40% / due 18 November):** Select a specific country, region or nation in Europe or any related geographical issue. Examples would include themes like the "little peoples of Europe" (e.g. Basques; Lusatian Sorbs; Roma; Moravians; Friesians; Rusyns; Romansh) or regions like the polderlands, the Fenlands, the Ruhr, Normandy and the Carpathians or issues like international rivers, border disputes & secessionist movements. Your essay should be approximately 10-12 pages long, not including cartographic or other illustrative material. Use standard scholarly referencing. You **must** refer to **at least 2** or more books or scholarly articles that you consulted (not Internet sources, i.e. Wikipedia). Only hard copies are accepted (please keep a copy until you have received your final course grade). A 5% per day late penalty will apply for any essay submitted after the due date. Do not email your essay.

**In-class final test (35% / 25 November):** An in-class test consisting of two parts, a multiple choice section and an essay. The first portion will cover lecture materials. The essay question will invite you to "Define what you mean by Europe." You should reference the **required** reading (i.e. Norman Davies, *Europe: A History*, "The Legend of Europa" and "Introduction"), other materials provided by the instructor during the course and your own essay research.

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