

**WOODSWORTH COLLEGE**  
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**POL300Y0 - Modern Greece, the Balkans and the European Union**

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**Introduction:**

This five-week intensive course aims to provide students with a deep understanding of historic and contemporary Greece along with the wider Balkan region and Turkey. While the focus of the course is on Greece since 1989, students are expected to understand Greece since independence. That includes not only Greece in the 19th Century but also the key watersheds in Greek history: World War One, World War Two, the Civil War, the dictatorship of 1960s and 1970s, the return of democracy and the recent financial crisis. Equally critical is the understanding of Modern Greek state structure and institutions, the development of ethnicity, public administration and the political parties, the Greek Orthodox identity, minorities, the role of the military, civil society, clientelism and populism.

There are five distinct modules in the course. After a historical introduction, the remaining modules allow students to examine Greece as a regional actor in the Balkans along with its role in the European Union and the wider world. The course concludes with a discussion of Greece since the financial crisis in 2008. There are 45 hours of in-class instruction plus field trips. Students are expected to integrate the field trips into their research.

**Course texts:**

Richard Clogg. *A Concise History of Greece*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Stathis Kalyvas, *Modern Greece: What Everyone Needs to Know*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015

Mark Mazower, *Salonica, City of Ghosts: Christians, Muslims and Jews 1430-1950*.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

- 1) Participation (in-class and field trips): **10 per cent**
- 2) Position paper of about 1800-2000 words on a topic related to the Modern Balkans. Choose a topic of relevance to the region now and develop a case study. **30 per cent**

**Guidelines**

- Decide on the topic.
- Read sources other than the required material.
- Decide upon a thesis that you want to argue in your paper.
- State this thesis at the beginning of your paper.

- Use your research to substantiate this thesis.
- At the end of your paper, write a focused question for further research.

3) Write two field trip reflections based on your experience. You could conceive of the piece as a blog entry or a short magazine article. 2000 words each. **40 percent**

Field Trips:

- 1) Athens / Delphi/Nafplion
- 2) Ioannina / Meteora
- 3) Philippi / Kavala
- 4) Pozar
- 5) Dion
- 6) Vergina

Guidelines: What to write? Pick an issue of particular importance to you. Here are some stylistic considerations:

1. State the point you're making, as briefly as possible, in the introduction. 2. Stick to a single subject. Deal with one issue per paper. 3. Your paper should be logically organized. First, give a statement of your own position. Then present your evidence. Close with a short re-statement of your position. 5. Use facts or figures and expert testimony whenever possible. Readers respect the opinions of people with special knowledge or expertise. 6. Try to view the paper from the reader's perspective. Will the arguments make sense to someone without a special background on this issue? It should be typed, double spaced.

4) Thessaloniki Now and Then Case Study. Multimedia project in groups of 2-3 students. Choose something about the city that intrigues you and write a report. **20 per cent** .

Guidelines: This is a project that involves vintage photography or film of city scenes and contemporary shooting. The groups should pull historic photos or video from various sites that I will suggest and blend them with photographs or videos of the same locations today. A text of about 1200 words describing the project should accompany the images.

### **Weekly Schedule:**

\*\* Readings are required

### **Module One – Historical Background – 5 classes x 3 hours**

Historical Context – 19th and 20th Century State and Nation Building

Students should have read the entirety of the Clogg and Kalyvas books prior to arrival. Mazower's book should be read during the course to get the most out of Thessaloniki!

\*\*Koliopoulos, John S. "Greece and the Balkans: A Historical Perspective." Southeast European and Black Sea Studies 2 no. 3 (2002): 25-38.

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### **Module Two – Greece and the Balkans – 3 classes x 3 hours**

\*\*Larrabee, F. Stephen, "Greece's Balkan Policy in a New Strategic Era." Southeast European and Black Sea Studies 5, no. 3 (2005): 405-425.

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## Greece and FYROM/ROM

\*\*Tziampiris, Aristotle, "Greek Foreign Policy and the Macedonian Name Dispute: From Confrontation to Europeanisation?," in *Greece in the Balkans: Memory, Conflict and Exchange*, ed. Othon Anastasakis et al., 138-156. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2009.

\*\*Mavromatidis, Fotis, "The Role of the European Union in the Name Dispute between Greece and FYR Macedonia." *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 18, no. 1 (2010): 47-62.

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## Greece and Albania

\*\*Austin, Robert C., "Albanian-Greek Relations: The Confrontation Continues," RFE/RL Research Report, August 4, 1993.

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## Module Three - Greece, Turkey and Cyprus - 3 classes by 3 hours

\*\* Ker-Lindsay, J. *The Cyprus Problem: What Everyone Needs to Know*, 47-77, 95-114. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011

\*\*Larrabee, F. Stephen, "Greek-Turkish Relations in an Era of Regional and Global Change." *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 12, no.4 (2012): 471-479.

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\*\*Attalides, Michalis, "The Cyprus Problem After the 1999 Helsinki European Council." *Mediterranean Quarterly* 25, no. 1 (2014): 22-53.

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## Module Four - Greece, the EU, the United States, NATO, and the wider world - 2 classes x 3 hours

\*\*Clements, Ben, Kyriaki Nanou, and Susannah Verney. "'We no Longer Love You, but we Don't Want to Leave You': The Eurozone Crisis and Popular Euroscepticism in Greece." *Journal of European Integration* 36, no. 3 (Apr 16, 2014): 247-265.

<http://search.proquest.com.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/wpsa/docview/1550996370/F459ACF319EA4EC6PQ/86?accountid=14771>

\*\*Verney, Susannah. "An Exceptional Case? Party and Popular Euroscepticism in Greece, 1959-2009." *South European Society & Politics* 16, no. 1 (2011): 51-79.

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## Greece and the United States

\*\*Kassimeris, Christos. "From Commitment to Independence: Greek Foreign Policy and the Western Alliance." *Orbis: A Journal of World Affairs* 52, no. 3 (2008): 494-508.

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\*\*Wilkinson, M. J. "The United States, Turkey, and Greece -- Three's a Crowd." In *Turkey's Transformation and American Policy* (Century Foundation, 2000): 185-218.

<http://search.proquest.com/docview/60133349?accountid=14771>.

## Module 5 - The Domestic Context: Financial Crisis and its aftermath- 2 classes x 3 hours

\*\*Mylonas, H., "Democratic Politics in Times of Austerity: The Limits of Forced Reform in Greece." *Perspectives on Politics* 12, 2 (06, 2014): 435-443.

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\*\*Tsoukalis, L., "International Bubbles, European Currency Union and National Failures: The Case of Greece and Euro Crisis," in Triandafyllidou, Gropas, R., and Kouki, H. (eds.) *The Greek Crisis and European Modernity*, 25-43. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

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Greece, Populism and the far Right

\*\*Bartlett, Jamie and Jonathan Birdwell. "Rise of the Radical Right," *Foreign Policy*, July 25, 2011.

\*\*Stavrakakis, Yannis. "Religious Populism and Political Culture: The Greek Case." *South European Society & Politics* 7, no. 3 (01, 2002): 29-52.

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\*\*Payne, Daniel P. "The Clash of Civilisations: The Church of Greece, the European Union and the Question of Human Rights." *Religion, State & Society* 31, no. 3 (09, 2003): 261-27.

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Gallagher, Tom. *The Balkans in the new millennium: in the shadow of war and peace*, New York, NY : Routledge, 2005.

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Lavdas, Kostas A., Litsas, Spyridon N. and Skiadas, Dimitrios V. *Stateness and sovereign debt : Greece in the European conundrum*, Lanham : Lexington Books, 2013.

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Van Coufoudakis et al. (eds.). *Greece and the New Balkans: Challenges and Opportunities*, Pella Pub. Co., 1999.

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