

# SECTION SYLLABUS

## POLITICAL SCIENCE 338 - THE EUROPEAN UNION: POLITICS AND POLITICAL ECONOMY

**Class:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00-5:15 pm at Ingraham Hall 19

**Professor:** Dr. Nils Ringe

**Section Leader:** Jess Clayton, [jeclayton@wisc.edu](mailto:jeclayton@wisc.edu)

### Sections:

Section 308	Mondays	3:30 – 4:20 pm	Bascom 58
Section 302	Tuesdays	2:25 – 3:15 pm	Education 347
Section 307	Thursdays	1:20 – 2:10 pm	Education 228
Section 303	Thursdays	2:25 – 3:15 pm	Education 234

### TA Office Hours:

Tuesdays	1:15 – 2:15 pm	TA Office, North Hall
Wednesdays	1:15 – 2:15 pm	Steep & Brew, State St.

### Grades:

Section performance comprises **15%** of your course grade. This 15% will be determined by attendance (5%) and participation (10%).

### Attendance:

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each section meeting. Advanced notification of absence by eMail is expected as far in advance as possible. You are allowed to miss two sections for personal reasons (although this is not recommended). However, more than two absences will negatively affect your participation class grade by 1% unless extenuating circumstances are demonstrated. Tardiness will be tracked in addition to attendance; excessive tardiness (> 10 minutes) constitutes one absence.

### Participation:

In-class participation will be evaluated based on your preparation and constructive contribution to section discussions (including participation in small group activities). To that end, you are strongly encouraged to read both the assigned textbook reading and the course packet readings prior to section. A mid-term section grade will be provided after the first exam so that you may assess your progress. Please visit me during office hours to discuss alternate ways of participating if you are having difficulty.

### Office Hours:

You are strongly encouraged to attend office hours. The purpose of office hours is to provide you an opportunity to ask questions, clarify readings, discuss exams, etc., on an individual basis. I will be holding my office hours in North Hall (across from Bascom Hall) and at Steep & Brew Coffee Shop on State Street. If you would like to meet with me but are unable to attend the stated office hours, I will be happy to meet with you at another

time upon request. Extra office hours will be announced prior to mid-term and final exams.

**Email:**

Please eMail me at [jeclayton@wisc.edu](mailto:jeclayton@wisc.edu) should you:

- have questions that need to be answered between sections meetings and office hours
- wish to inform me of an absence
- would like to meet at a time other than normal office hours

Generally speaking, questions sent via email should only require short answers. If your question requires a more comprehensive answer, please make an effort to attend my office hours or schedule a meeting with me. *Any eMails received after 9 pm will be answered the following day.*

If you have any special educational needs for this course, you are expected to inform Professor Ringe within the first three weeks of the course.

**Important Course Dates:**

2 September	First Day of Class
14 October	Mid-Term (short answer)
18 & 20 November	Simulation Exercise
27-28 November	Thanksgiving Break
11 December	Final Paper Due
12 December	Last Day of Class
17 December	Final Exam (7:45 - 9:45am, short answer/essay)

**Grade Distribution -**

