

NEAR EAST UNIVERSITY - FACULTY OF EDUCATION								
Department of Translation & Interpretation Program								
SYLLABUS								
2014-2015 Spring Semester								
Course Code	Course Name	Classroom	Weekly Course Hours			Credits	ECTS	Weekly Time Schedule
TRN 110	European Culture and Institutions		T	A	L			
Prerequisite: None			3	0	0	3	4	
Language of instruction: English		Course Type: Compulsory		Year: Second Year(Freshman)			Semester: Spring	
Instructor: : Eral Akartürk (MA) E-mail: e.akarturk@gmail.com			Office Hours: Office / Room No: 5-H 119 Office / Room Phone: 22 36464					
Learning Outcomes		After the completion of this course, the student will be able to ► improve their knowledge about European culture and institutions. ► have an idea of the evolution phases of the European integration. ► improve their critical thinking and awareness about the political, social and economic concerns in the European Union. ► distinguish the functions and purposes of the institutional bodies of the European Union. ► discuss the social, political and economic issues in the European Union.						
Course Description		This is a compulsory undergraduate course that provides an introduction to European culture and institutions. In this course, the basic information about European culture, the institutional bodies of the European Union, the evolution phases of the European integration , and the social, political and economic concerns in the European Union are introduced to the student.						
Course Objectives		The students are expected to learn the basic knowledge about European culture and institutions by focusing on the functions and purposes of the institutional bodies of the EU, the evolution phases of the European integration and the social, political and economic concerns in the EU.						
Textbooks and/or References			1	European Union Booklet compiled by Akartürk, Eral,2014.				
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Course Content		The evolution of European integration, The institutional bodies of European Union, Key policies in the EU. The European Union in the world.						
Methods and Techniques Used in the Course			Lecture, Individual and Pair Work					
WEEKLY OUTLINE								
Week	Date	Activities			Notes		Reference	
1	16 Feb -20 Feb	Introduction to the courses						
2	23 Feb -27 Feb	European Union List of the EU Countries and Candidates					1/ 1-7	
3	2 Mar – 6 Mar	Joining the EU The EU Map Living in the EU			Assignment 1		1/ 8-10	
4	9 Mar- 13 Mar	Conditions for Membership and the EU / the Economy			Money		1/ 11-13	
5	16 Mar- 20Mar	The history of the EU					1/ 14-27	
6	23 Mar – 27 Mar	EU Institutions and Other Bodies: a. European Parliament			Assignment 2		1/ 28-29	
7	30 Mar – 3 Apr	b. Council of the EU c. European Council			Quiz 1		1/ 30-34	
8	6 Apr – 10 Apr	d. European Commission- The 28 Commissioners					1/ 35-39	
9	13 Apr – 17 Apr	MIDTERM EXAMS						
10	20 Apr – 24 Apr	e. Court of Justice of the EU					1/ 40-42	
11	27 Apr – 30 Apr	f. European Court of Auditors g. European Ombudsman			Assignment 3		1/ 43-45	
12	4 May – 8 May	h. European Central Bank i. European Investment Bank j. European Investment Fund					1/ 46-49	
13	11 May – 15 May	k. European Economic and Social Committee l. European External Action Service m. Committee of Region n. The European Data Protection Supervisor			Assignment 4		1/ 49-54	
14	18 May – 22 May	Inter institutional Bodies			Quiz 2		1/ 55	

15	25 May - 29 May	EU Symbols / EU Treaties/ EU Funding/ The Euro		1/ 56-65		
16	1 June - 12 June	FINAL EXAMS				
Attendance: Minimum 70 %						
Assessment Breakdown:		Type		Date	%	Reference
		1	Final exam		30	
		2	Midterm Exam		30	
		3	Quizzes (2)		10	
		4	Assignments (4)		20	
		5	Class participation		10	
Learning Programme						
Educational Tool	Quantity	Student Workload Hours	Educational Tool	Quantity	Student Workload Hours	
Activities	10	10*1=10	Writing Essays	4	4*5=20	
Lectures	14	14*3=42	Final Exam	1	1*8=8	
Assignments	4	10*4=40	Preparing for Final Exam			
Midterm Exam	1	1*2=2				
Preparing for Midterm Exam	1	1*5=5				
		Recommended ECTS Credit (Total Hours / 30) :129				120/30 ~ 4