



College of Europe
Collège d'Europe

Brugge



Natolin

ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2022-2023

COURSE TITLE

Maritime History: the Mediterranean and Other Seas

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

ABULAFIA David

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COURSE TYPE

Core Course

MAJOR(S)

EPAP, EUW, EUN, EHC

ECTS CREDITS

4

TEACHING HOURS

20

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

80

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

1

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Ability to interpret historical data; understanding of major issues in global and Mediterranean history with impact on present conditions; ability to present material clearly to an audience and in writing; ability to interpret historical sources, including visual material.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

A clearer view of the relationship between Europe and the Mediterranean countries outside the EU; an ability to locate the history of Europe and of European trade and conquest overseas within the wider history of the world; an awareness of the need to think beyond national (or EU) boundaries when studying economic and political issues, historical and contemporary. Students will learn how to study the past without imposing modern political ideologies on the evidence.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

Reading key studies by contemporary historians and study of primary source material including visual material. See Course Outline.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lectures; discussions of primary and secondary source material in seminar style; presentations by students themselves.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Students will be expected to make verbal presentations (50% of the final mark).

A closed-book two-hour written in-class exam will count for 50% of the final mark.

The College of Europe reserves the right to change the delivery and assessment of the course in case of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the College (*force majeure*). Any communication from the campus administration in this regard takes precedence over the information provided in this ECTS card.

Retake examinations, i.e. exams passed in the second examination session, will have the same format as those taken during the first exam session. The only exception concerns oral exams, which are replaced in the second exam session by written exams. When a student takes an examination during the second session, the final mark for the course is based solely on the result of the retake examination. No other element of evaluation which would have been taken into consideration in the calculation of the final mark during the first examination session will be considered in the second session.

COURSE CONTENTS

Half the course is devoted to the study of the Mediterranean from the earliest time to the present day and half to the world oceans.

See below for recommended literature. The course is divided into two sections. Bearing in mind the European vocation of the College, the non-Mediterranean section will also bear constantly in mind the European and Mediterranean connections of other seas.

[section A]

1. Historiography and Methodology – Braudel and his Legacy
2. Processes of Integration: the ancient Mediterranean
3. The Rise of Commercial Empires in the Mediterranean
4. International Competition in the Mediterranean
5. Technological Change and the Creation of the Modern Mediterranean

[section B]

1. Other Mediterraneans? The Black Sea..
2. Other Mediterraneans: the Baltic.
3. Other Mediterraneans: the South China Sea.
3. The Indian Ocean before and after Vasco da Gama
4. The Atlantic before and after Columbus.
5. Technological Change and the Creation of the Modern Maritime World.

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Primary source materials and secondary literature as indicated in the course outline.