



COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES for ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS

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Faculty of Classical and Modern Philology

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BA Program: European Union and European Integration (in English)

Course code	Course title (in English)	Language of instruction	Course offered to BA/BS, MA/MS, PhD	Semester (winter/ summer)	ECTS	Workload (hours)			Lecturer/s's name	Lecturer/s's e-mail
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ML Z010	Sociology - Introduction	English	BA	Winter	3	30			Assist. Prof. Veronika Dimitrova, PhD	vdimm@abv.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The first part of the course introduces the modern historical context in which the need for sociological thinking appears. The focus is on the issues of the civil society and the nation-state, the secularisation of the western societies and the new dimensions of the moral and legal order. The interrelations between politics and the modern forms of authority, power and domination and the key role of the modern market and its implications upon the concepts of freedom and alienation are explained.

The second part of the course makes a general overview of the agencies of the socialisation (state, school, family, media) in the processes of constitution of the modern identities. The social institutions and forms of social control, the modern types of social stratification, as well as the new conceptualisation of the social inequalities in terms of "intersectionalities". The types of symbolic power and non-economic capitals, the formal and hidden curriculum of schooling. The social history and transformation of marriage and family and the introduction of the new concept of "intimate citizenship".

The third part of the course includes a short introduction to the globalisation and “glocalisation” processes, the conflicts and convergences of the old and the new media, the new social networks and movements in the late Modernity and the way these phenomena transform the societies and social relations at the beginning of the 21th century.

The course aims to present the specific character of the sociological imagination in its affords to describe and understand the nature of the social reality we live in. In order to grasp the complexity of the social problems of the modern societies the course briefly introduces some of the widely used quantitative and qualitative methods and techniques for data gathering and sociological analysis. The students are encouraged to take an active participation in the class discussions and to prepare and present their own research projects.

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ML Z020	Political Science - Introduction	English	BA	Winter	3	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniel Smilov	daniel@cls-sofia.org

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course reviews the relevant political theories and key concepts of politics. The lectures analyse fundamental concepts such as power, politics, democracy, governing elite, constitution, political system, parliamentarism, executive power, political parties, pressure groups, lobbyism, political culture. The theoretical discussion is presented against the background of comparative analyses of the political systems of European countries and established democracies from North America. The goal of the course is to improve the understanding of students of politics, and to create interest in and skills for the analysis of the contemporary political processes.

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ML Z030	Introduction to Microeconomics and Macroeconomics	English	BA	Winter	4	45			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Teodor Sedlarski	sedlarski@feb.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The old, as well as the new institutionalism developed because of the incapability of neo-classical economic theory (today's mainstream) to offer convincing explanation to a number of real economic phenomena and processes. Although the basic assumptions of neo-classical theory form the starting analytical point in new institutional research, the new institutional economics modifies key assumptions to a great degree – prevalent incomplete competition, incomplete information and bounded rationality, as well as positive transaction costs. Being still within the methodological individualism paradigm, it can explain a substantial number of social processes, traditionally lying outside of the scope of conventional economic theory. The course helps students to realize the potential in this area of research area, to develop critical thinking of the postulates in neo-classical economics and to draw possible directions for an interdisciplinary development of economic science.

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ML Z040	History of Europe	English	BA	Winter	4	45			Assist. Prof. Lyubomir Krustev, PhD	krustevlubomir@yahoo.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

This course is aimed as an overview to European history and as an introduction to other courses in this B.A. program and to events and personalities that will be studied further elsewhere. The approach of the lecturers is centered around the idea of giving the students some basic knowledge of the facts and an explanatory framework for understanding the evolution of European states, societies, diplomacy and culture in a period ranging from the 16th-17th to the 21st century. Those decades and centuries were the periods when Europe came to the forefront of the progress of human civilization setting up the general trend of globalization under its leadership. Building up world colonial empires the major European states gradually declined in their global role and importance but still Europe is a major player at the world stage that everybody has to reckon with.

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ML Z050	Regional Geography of Europe	English	BA	Winter	3	45			Prof. Dr. Petar Stoyanov	stoyanov@gea.uni-sofia.bg
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Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

This course deals with the basic problems of Regional geography (Geography and Regional Geography; Region and Regionalization; Scheme of a Region) and particularly of Europe (Geographical Regionalization; Political and Historical Divisions; Linguistic-cultural Regionalization; Other Groupings in regions in Europe; The Idea(s) of European Integration; The European Communities and EU; European Economic Space). Key countries of European regions are represented: WESTERN EUROPE (Germany, UK, France, and Austria); EASTERN EUROPE (Hungary, Romania); SOUTH EUROPE (Italy, Greece); NORTH EUROPE (Sweden, Finland). By the end of the semester, the students should be able to use the general notions of Regional geography and discuss major problems of these countries of Europe.

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ML Z060	English Language and Culture: English Grammar	English	BA	Winter	3		30		Prof. Dr. Madeleine Danova	m.danova@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

This is a practical course in English grammar.

Course aims:

- to raise the overall language awareness of the students
- to make students' knowledge of grammar explicit and automatically manageable
- to consolidate discourse use of tenses and time clauses, word order and syntactic structures
- to help students master intonation, stress and rhythm

By the end of the course the students should be able to use grammar structures accurately and confidently in communicative interactions, e-mails, letters and reports. They should have a good command of the sound system of English and a thorough understanding of the grammatical organization of English language.

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ML Z070	English Language and Culture: English Vocabulary	English	BA	Winter	3		30		Prof. Dr. Madeleine Danova	m.danova@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

This is a practical course in English vocabulary.

Course aims:

- to enhance students' communicative abilities in both the written and spoken media of the English language
- to alert the students to the stylistic and genre diversity of the English language
- to increase the students' word power and consolidate their range of vocabulary
- to expose the students to a wide range of appropriate authentic language

By the end of the course, the students should be able to use a wide range of noun and verb collocations and idiomatic expressions as well as colloquial English words.

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ML Z080	Bulgarian Language and Culture: Modern Bulgarian, Part I	English	BA	Winter	4		60		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladislav Milanov	vladimi@abv.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The aim of the course "Bulgarian Language and Culture. Part 1" is to present to European Union and European Integration students the specifics of Bulgarian grammatical system, the substantial characteristics of Bulgarian culture and the structure of the state administration.

Emphasis is placed on the spoken Bulgarian language, the dynamics of language processes. Visits to the National Parliament, the Rila Monastery, museums and historical monuments are planned.

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ML I092	Second Language: French, Part I	English	BA	Winter	3		30		Assist. Prof. Jeanna Kristeva, PhD	jeanna.kristeva@hotmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

French course is for beginners. The course is aimed at mastering basic knowledge of vocabulary and grammar and initial skills in oral and written communication relevant to Level A1.

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ML Z670	EU Foreign, Security and Defense Policy	English	BA	Winter	3	45			Prof. Plamen Pantev	plamen.pantev@abv.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The foreign, security and defense policy of the EU (EUFSDP) is a logical step of the process of deepening of the economic and political integration in Europe, representing major sectors of the functional regional integration. Europe and the EU have passed a long and hard way before giving the supranational entity parts of their national sovereignty. The problems stem from the complexities of the integration process in the area of foreign policy, security and defense, from the different impacts of the “spill-over” effect from the other integration sectors. Problems stem also from the difficult evolution of the institutions of the EUFSDP.

There are issues in the ESDP/NATO relationship. The US-EU relations are also in development and this is reflected on the further evolution of the ESDP. The new East European allies of the USA have their own opinion of the ESDP/NATO relationship.

There are additional issues in the relations with Russia – a strong geopolitical and energy security factor in the global system. China and India also influence the processes of EU integration, including in the area of foreign, security and defense policy. The neighboring regions of the EU – mostly the Mediterranean, the Middle East, Central Asia, the Caucasian-Caspian Sea as well as countries like Ukraine and Belarus are of long-term interest for the security and defense of the Union. The new security threats for the world and Europe significantly influence the evolution of the Union’s foreign, security and defense policy. The new security threats require operationalization of the ESDP. This course allows the students to get to know better the institutions of ESDP, the official documents of the ESDP, useful bibliography and websites.

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ML Z690	National, Ethnic and Global Identities	English	BA	Winter	5	45			Prof. Maria Stoicheva	maria.stoicheva@gmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course focuses on theoretical and practical aspects of identity formation. Personal, social, ethnic, national and European identities are discussed. The factors of their formation are explored and their content, civic and cultural component are considered. European identity is the core of the course. There is an overview of the main political and legal documents that are related to the process of European identity formation. Data from Eurobarometer and their surveys is analysed and used as a basis for the seminar discussions. The changing multicultural environment of Europe and the increasing migration to Europe is considered as one of the challenges to European identity formation.

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ML Z710	English Language and Culture: EU Terminology	English	BA	Winter	3		30		Assist. Prof. Ilina Amer, PhD	ilina.amer@gmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course is a series of seminars for acquiring the major terminological competence in terms of the lexis used in the primary and secondary legislation of the EU.

Students are expected to be theoretically aware of the major acts of the EU, as well as of the key parameters and functions of the EU.

The course aims at achieving a practical level of competence in understanding and translating EU documentation, developing a broader array of lexical units and cognitive and communicative skills in handling them.

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ML I720	Media and PR Skills	English	BA	Winter	3	30			Assoc. Prof. Manuela Manliherova	manuele.manliher@gmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course is elective in the "EU Politics and Policies" module of the BA Program "European Union and European Integration". The dynamic development of the information and communication technologies is changing tangibly the contemporary media system. The process of concentration, convergence and digitalization premises the necessity of steady legal, technological and financial security of the multiple media sources, thus aiming to protect the public interest and to sustain the professional standards in the new digital practices. The course encompasses the media function as well as their structure and management in administrative, economic, creative and regulatory aspect. It also clarifies the PR role and skills in the context of EU trends in traditional and social media landscape.

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ML I730	Regional Development and Policy in the EU	English	BA	Winter	3	30			Prof. Petar Stoyanov	stoyanov@gea.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

This course deals with the basic problems of regional development in the space of EU and particularly in selected EU member countries. Basic part of lectures discusses: Regional science and regional development; Theories of regional development; Conceptions of regional development; Regional policy of the EU. A separate part deals with the regional development and policy of distinguished EU countries. During the semester students should prepare homework and make presentation on selected topics. By the end of semester, they should be able to use the general notions of Regional development and Regional policy and discuss major problems of these countries of EU.

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ML Z110	Introduction in the Theory of State and Law	English	BA	Summer	5	45			Assoc. Prof. Martin Belov, PhD	martinbelov@yahoo.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

This course is devoted to the presentation of the fundamental concepts in the theory of state and law. It aims at explaining both the classical theoretical achievements and their actual topical dimension, problematizing the effects of globalization and postmodernity on the state, the law and the society. The course starts with analysis of the authority, legitimacy and legality. The emergence and the development of the modern state and law will be presented in historical, philosophical and sociological context. The main theories on the origin, essence and functions of state and law are going to be outlined. Furthermore central concepts of modern and postmodern constitutionalism as well as of the emerging supranational and European constitutionalism are going to be explained. The course will combine analytical with comparative, historical and critical legal methods. It will try to demonstrate the current status and achievements of the theory of state and law. For example, the traditional concept of sovereignty will be presented both with regard to its classical theoretical and historical aspects and in the light of the sovereignty and constitutional identity debate in the EU. The last part of the course is devoted to the structure of the legal system, the sources of law, the distinction between the legal norms and legal principles and the legal argumentation.

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ML Z120	Introduction to Business and Public Administration	English	BA	Summer	4	45			Assoc. Prof. T. Yalamov	yalamov@feb.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course introduces students to basic management concepts, tools and theories by looking in the history of business and public administration and current international practice as monitored by Bain & Company (including basic knowledge of CRM, ERP, knowledge management). Students develop various soft skills, such as teamwork, presentational skills, matched with experience gained through a project implementation (research or entrepreneurial) in a multicultural environment. We start by conceptualising its own management experience, going through major landmarks in management thought as Taylor, Fayol and Weber at the beginning and Drucker, Kaplan and Norton (Balanced Scorecards), Mauborgne and Kim (Blue Ocean Strategy) lately. The course presents and discusses e-government, not just as electronic service provision but rather as a transformational tool for public administration reform. Issues of corruption are considered as a proxy for corporate and public governance inefficiency.

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ML Z130	History and Theory of Culture	English	BA	Summer	4	45			Prof. Daniela Koleva	koleva@phs.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course aims to introduce basic concepts, core problems and theories in the field of cultural studies. Students will develop their skills for critical reading, summarizing and interpretation of scholarly texts. The discussions in class and the essays will contribute to their awareness of cultural diversity, their understanding of recognition and tolerance as well as of the uses of culture as a political argument.

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ML Z140	History and Geography of Bulgaria	English	BA	Summer	4	45			Assoc. Prof. Rumyana Christidi	rumyana.christidi@gmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

History module

The course "History and Geography of Bulgaria" has as its purpose to introduce students to the most important events and trends in Bulgarian history. It follows a chronological principle and covers the period from the 7th Century AD until the end of 20th century; from the establishment of the Bulgarian state in 681 AD until the end of Socialism in 1989. The most important themes included in the course are:

- I. History of Medieval Bulgaria (7th – 14th centuries); establishment and development of the Bulgarian state; First and Second Bulgarian Kingdoms.
- II. Bulgarian lands during the Ottoman rule (15th – 17th centuries).
- III. History of the Bulgarian Renaissance (18th – 19th centuries).
- IV. Reestablishment of the Bulgarian state and its development until the beginning of the Second World War (1878-1939).

Contemporary Bulgarian History; from the Second World War until the end of the socialist period (1939-1989).

Geography module

The course "Geography of Bulgaria" has as its purpose to introduce students to the most important theories, facts and trends in Bulgarian geography. It is based on the chorological principle and consequently covers the following themes:

- I. Introduction in geography – key concepts and terms. Assessment of geographical location and borders of Bulgaria using systematic approach.
- II. Natural resources of Bulgaria.
- III. Population of Bulgaria – recent trends and factors for deepening the demographic crisis. Development of settlement network.

IV. Problems in contemporary social and economic development in Bulgaria.

Regional geography of Bulgaria.

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ML Z150	English Language and Culture: English Syntax	English	BA	Summer	3		30		Prof. Dr. Madeleine Danova	m.danova@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

This is a practical course in English syntax.

Course aims:

- to raise the overall language awareness of the students
- to build up on students' knowledge of English grammar with focus on English syntax.
- to consolidate discourse use of different syntactic structures
- to enrich students' communicative and writing skills and appropriate employment of various syntactic structures

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ML Z160	English Language and Culture: Writing in English for Professional Communication	English	BA	Summer	3		30		Prof. Danail Danov	danail.danov@gmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

This is a practical course in writing in English for professional communication.

Course aims:

- to enrich students' writing skills
- to increase students' awareness and appropriate employment of formal and informal styles
- to enhance students' communicative abilities in written English

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ML Z170	Bulgarian Language and Culture: Modern Bulgarian – Part II	English	BA	Summer	5		60		Assoc. Prof. Vladislav Milanov	vladimi@abv.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The second part of the course in Contemporary Bulgarian language and culture expands grammatical and lexical knowledge of students. On the other hand it introduces them to the history and cultural attractions of Bulgaria. Strongly represented are models of colloquial communication in Bulgarian presenting the trends in Contemporary Bulgarian language to various influences. Emphasis is on developing the communication skills of students and their ability to talk in Bulgarian in different situations.

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ML I182	Second Language: French, Part II	English	BA	Summer	2		30		Assist. Prof. Jeanna Kristeva, PhD	jeanna_kristeva@hotmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

French course is for beginners, 30 hours after introduction in the 1st semester. The course is aimed at mastering basic knowledge of vocabulary and grammar and initial skills in oral and written communication relevant to Level A1.

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ML Z780	Constitutional Debates in the EU Law	English	BA	Summer	3	45			Prof. Georgi Bliznashki	georgi_bliznashki@yahoo.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course Constitutional debates in the EU presents the key issues of the EU integration and the current debates of the future of EU. It deals with the basic values and the constitutional identity of the member-states, the idea of the European citizenship and the charter of fundamental rights, the institutional architecture and the democratic deficit within the EU, the problem of the borders and the nature of the EU. The course addresses the problem of the crisis of European integration and tries to provide relevant answers to the key debating issues of common interest for all the EU member-states and citizens.

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ML Z790	Competition Policy and Market Regulation	English	BA	Summer	3	45			Assist. Prof. Vassil Karaivanov	vassil_karaivanov@abv.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course "Competition policy and market regulation" presents the theory and the practical implementation of the competition policy in EU. The course presents the competition policy on the basis of the Microeconomics theory. It begins with the microeconomic analysis of different types of markets, the difference between the competitive market and other types of markets, the consumer surplus and the benefits of competitive

market for consumers. Then it reveals the basic principles of the competition policy of the EU and the EU institutions, which implement the competition policy. The theory is presented through real-life cases and the practice of the EC.

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ML Z800	Democratic Oversight of the Security Sector in the EU	English	BA	Summer	3	45			Prof. Plamen Pantev	plamen.pantev@abv.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The concept that the military can and must be controlled democratically is a precondition of the very understanding of democracy. This concept is connected, but also different of the civilian oversight. Though civilian authorities can stop the military to use coercive force against a totalitarian regime, this does not mean yet the control is democratic – despite its clear civilian nature. Civilian oversight in the conditions of democracy touch the very principles and mechanisms, through which political power over the armed forces is maintained. The principles and mechanisms are the same as observed in all spheres of political life and the respective decision-making processes.

Democracy is more than elections through the contest of many parties and candidates. Though they are the starting point of democracy its essence is something different. In the sense of values the key to democracy is the presumption the majority can be wrong. This requires the recognition it could become minority and after accepting such a change is possible, this requires the majority to be limited and responsible in its activity. In the sense of mechanisms – out of the possibility for change in open elections, the representatives of the majority in the government (executive and legislative power) not only accept the need of self-limiting themselves, but acknowledge the need of mechanisms for limiting the execution of power for the sake of preventing abuse of power. This mixture of values for self-limiting and the respective mechanisms define the contents of democracy.

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ML Z810	EU Cultural Policies	English	BA	Summer	4	45			Prof. Maria Stoicheva	maria.stoicheva@gmail.com
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Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course presents the new agenda on culture of the European Union. It starts with a historical overview of the actions and initiatives in the area of culture from the early 90sq that have started to affect the lives of European citizens and gain visibility in the European public space. The course provides an insight into official documents of the EC, the culture programmes with an emphasis on cultural heritage and European capitals of culture. Their role for the new Creative Europe Programme is explored. The aspects of the role of cultural policy in the foreign EU relations, of intercultural dialogue, politics of recognition and European identity formation are also discussed.

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ML Z820	English Language and Culture: Sociolinguistics	English	BA	Summer	3	30			Prof. Angel Angelov, Dr. Habil	aangelov2@aol.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

This course introduces the subject of sociolinguistics as an interdisciplinary domain focused on language variation, both regional and social. Sociolinguistics arose in the 60's of the XX century in the USA as a combination of sociological and linguistic ideas. This, however, is not a mechanical synthesis of linguistics and sociology, but an optimistic method for empirical study of linguistic data, as well as their quantitative analysis and interpretation.

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ML Z830	English Language and Culture: EU Legal Texts in English	English	BA	Summer	2		30		Assist. Prof. Ilina Amer, PhD	ilina_amerova@yahoo.co.uk

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course aims at developing the level of knowledge of English for professional purposes, mainly for professionals who work or strive to work in the field of management and administering of public funds, most likely EU funds and EU institutions. Its target is to enlarge the existing skills and competences of the learners in the scope of general English and a further vocational specialization in public administration within the EU institutional framework, as well as enhancing their language competences in the light of EU institutions and good practice. The course is based on information about and terminologically linked to one of the most difficult aspects of the English language - legal English. The texts are authentic materials abstracted from EU legislation.

Course code	Course title (in English)	Language of instruction	Course offered to BA/BS, MA/MS, PhD	Semester (winter/ summer)	ECTS	Workload (hours)			Lecturer/s's name	Lecturer/s's e-mail
						Lectures	Seminars	Practical work		
ML Z870	History of the Atlantic Democracy	English	BA	Summer	2	30			Assoc. Prof. Rositsa Tasheva	rossitzatasheva@abv.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

Democracy, with its contemporary characteristics, inherited some of its features from the Ancient and Medieval worlds, but developed in Modern times (17th-20th centuries) first in the countries of the Atlantic region – England/Great Britain, the USA, and France. The Atlantic Democracy (also called Western, Liberal, and Constitutional Democracy) became one of the dominant ideas of our time and the most widely spread form of government. The course explores the idea and practice of democracy from the ancient Greeks to the 20th century, paying attention mostly to how and what types of democracies were established by the English, American and French revolutions (17th-18th centuries), and to how these different democracies developed and began to spread in Europe and the world. These questions are examined comparatively, in their historical development, and making connections with present-day experiences. During the course, a large number of documents (primary sources and authors' opinions) are presented, analyzed, and discussed. Students are engaged in the debates that surround the idea and practice of democracy and asked to develop and communicate (both orally and in writing) persuasive arguments.