

Geography 464

EUROPE TODAY: TRANSNATIONALISM, GLOBALISMS, AND GEOGRAPHIES OF PAN-EUROPE



**Department of Geography and
the Curriculum for Global Studies
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TTH 11:00-12:15 Saunders 204**

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'Europe Today' is an upper division undergraduate course focuses on the processes and patterns of transnational and global Europe, and the ways in which these geographical processes and patterns are reshaping everyday lives, economies, and places across the continent.

The course places particular emphasis on the historical and environmental geographies of contemporary Europe, Cold War transformations, the European Union, post-socialism and neoliberalism, the Ukrainian crisis, trade policy and economic globalization, Euro-Med economic integration and border management policies, mega-events and urban change, the Eurozone crisis, 'German Europe', and the post-colonial landscapes of European cities.

Throughout the semester, regional and national case studies will be integrated into readings, discussions, and exercises. Students will work closely with primary texts (speeches, pamphlets, Marshall Plan, Cold War documents, Warsaw Pact documents, EU chapters of accession, social movement documents, art groups exhibitions, etc.), original trade and production data, and government and non-government agencies dealing with social issues of various kinds.