European Studies (EUR)
Interdisciplinary Major and Minor in European Studies

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The Program in European Studies is designed to foster knowledge of European civilization. In acquainting students with European culture and history, it enables them to understand those traditions that give Europe's diversified personality its inner coherence. The program promotes an interdisciplinary approach while insisting upon a structured course of study. Completion of courses at a European university on a study-abroad program is strongly recommended.

The Major in European Studies

The interdisciplinary major in European Studies introduces students to the rich variety of cultures, politics, languages, and literatures of Europe. Students acquire fundamental knowledge of European culture and history by beginning with two core courses (EUR 101 and EUR 201) and two courses in European History (HIS 101 and HIS 102). They deepen this knowledge by selecting four courses in one of several concentrations, and they develop breadth by taking two additional courses in a different concentration. Their program is intended to culminate in EUR 401, a capstone seminar in which students apply their general knowledge within a particular concentration to a specific project.

Graduates with the major in European Studies can expect to work in business, government, the service industry, and politics. Majors will also be prepared to continue with graduate studies in business, humanities, law, and social sciences.

Requirements for the Major and Minor in European Studies (EUR)

Requirement for the Major

The major in European Studies leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. All courses offered for the major must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher. 18 credits for the major must be earned in courses numbered 300 or higher.

Completion of the major requires 45 credits.

1. Core Courses
   • EUR 101 The Foundations of European Culture
   • EUR 201 The Development of European Culture
   • EUR 401 Senior Research Seminar in European Studies

2. Study of a European Language
   • Four courses in one European language, two at the 200-level, and two at the 300-level or higher.

3. European History
   • HIS 101 European History: from Antiquity to Revolution
   • HIS 102 Modern European History from 1789 to 1945

4. Concentration Requirement
   • Four courses in one of the following concentrations, chosen in consultation with an advisor and approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.
   A. European History
   • HIS 208 Ireland from St. Patrick to the Present
   • HIS 209 Imperial Russia
   • HIS 210 Soviet Russia
   • HIS 226/JDS 226 The Shaping of Modern Judaism
   • HIS 235 The Early Middle Ages
• HIS 236 The Late Middle Ages
• HIS 241/JDS 241 The Holocaust: The Destruction of European Jewry-Causes and Consequences
• HIS 248 Europe 1815-1914
• HIS 249 Modern Europe 1914-1945
• HIS 251 Europe since 1945
• HIS 310 Modern France, 1900 to the Present
• HIS 312 From Empire to Third Reich: Germany, 1890-1945
• HIS 318 Social and Intellectual History of Europe
• HIS 336/WST 334 Women, Work, and Family in Modern European History
• HIS 360/WST 360 Women in Premodern Europe
• HIS 390 Topics in Ancient and Medieval Europe
• HIS 391 Topics in Early Modern Europe
• HIS 392 Topics in European History
• HIS 393 Topics in Modern European History
• HIS 395 Topics in Russian History

B. European Civilization Yesterday and Today

• HUE 269 Topics in Contemporary Slavic Culture
• HUE 392 Topics in Slavic Studies
• HUF 216 French Civilization through the Ages
• HUF 219 Modern France
• HUG 229 Germany Today
• HUI 216 Italian Civilization through the Ages
• HUI 239 Modern Italy
• HUI 336 Italian Americans and Ethnic Relations
• HUR 249 Russia Today
• HUS 255 Modern Spain

C. The Ancient and Medieval Foundations of Europe

• CLS 113 Greek and Latin Literature in Translation
• CLL 215 Classical Mythology
• THR 315 European History and Drama: The Classical Era
• EGL 261/JDH 261 The Bible as Literature
• RLS 270 Christianity
• RLS 310 Biblical Theology
• PHI 300 Ancient Philosophy
• PHI 304 Medieval Philosophy
• MVL 141 The Legend of King Arthur
• MVL 241 Heroes and Warriors

D. European Art History and Music

• ARH 306/HUI 306 The Early Renaissance in Italy
• ARH 307/HUI 307 The Age of Michelangelo in Central Italy
• ARH 310/HUI 310 Splendors of Renaissance Art in Venice
• ARH 314 Northern Baroque Art and Architecture, 1600-1700
• ARH 316 Baroque Art in Italy and Spain, 1600-1700
• ARH 320 Art of the 18th Century
• ARH 324 Architecture and Design of the 19th and 20th Centuries
• ARH 337 Northern Renaissance Art
• MUS 301 Music of the Baroque
• MUS 302 The Music of J.S. Bach
• MUS 303 The Music of Beethoven
• MUS 305 Music of the Romantic Era
• MUS 306 The Symphony
• MUS 307 Imaginative Worlds of Opera

E. European Politics and Economics

• POL 305 Government and Politics of the United Kingdom
• POL 309 Politics in the European Union
• POL 350 Contemporary European Political Theory
• POL 392 Topics in Political Science and the European Tradition
• ECO 317 Marxist Political Economy

Note: Students who choose this concentration are encouraged to double major with either Political Science or Economics, or to take certain additional courses not required by the major.

F. European Philosophy

• PHI 247 Existentialism
• PHI 277 Political Philosophy
• PHI 300 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy
• PHI 304 Medieval Philosophy
• PHI 306 Modern Philosophy
• PHI 308 19th-Century Philosophy
• PHI 312 Topics in Contemporary European Thought

G. European Literatures

• EGL 205, EGL 206 Survey of British Literature I, II
• EGL 231/HUR 231 Saints and Fool
• EGL 232/HUR 232 Rebels and Tyrants
• EGL 243 Shakespeare: The Major Works
• EGL 302 Medieval Literature in English
• EGL 304 Renaissance Literature in English
• EGL 306 English Literature of the 17th Century
• EGL 310 Neoclassical Literature in English
• EGL 312 Romantic Literature in English
• EGL 314 Victorian Literature
• EGL 340 Chaucer
• EGL 342 Milton
• EGL 344 Major Writers of the Renaissance Period in England
• EGL 345, 346 Shakespeare I, II
• EGL 347 Major Writers of the Neoclassical Period of England
• EGL 348 Major Writers of the Romantic Period in England
• EGL 349 Major Writers of the Victorian Period in England
• EGL 376 The Literature of Imperialism
• HUF 311 French Literature in Translation
• HUG 321 Topics in the Literature of Germany
• HUI 234 Introduction to Twentieth-Century Drama
• HUI 235 Sex, Love, and Tragedy in Early Italian Literature
• HUI 331 Topics in Italian Literature
• HUR 141 Literature and Empire
• HUR 142 Literature and Revolution
• HUR 235 Crime and Punishment in World Literature
• HUR 241 Special Russian Author in Translation
• HUR 341 Topics in Russian Literature
• HUR 393 Literary Analysis of Russian Texts in Translation

Note: Students who wish to take 300-level EGL courses must first complete EGL 204. Also, courses in European literature taught in the original languages may be chosen to fulfill requirements of this concentration.

H. European Cinema and Drama

• HUF 211 French Cinema
• HUG 221 German Cinema since 1945
• HUI 231 Sex and Politics in Italian Cinema
• HUR 241 Russian Cinema
• THR 315 European History and Drama: The Classical Era
• THR 316 European History and Drama: The Modern Era

5. Breadth Requirement

• Two courses in one other program concentration, also chosen in consultation with the EUR Program Coordinator.

Note: To insure that students are broadly educated, no more than four courses within the concentration and breadth requirements may bear a single designator or be offered within a single department.

6. Upper-Division Writing Requirement
Before the second semester of the junior year, a student in the EUR major shall submit to the program coordinator two papers, each written for a different instructor, together with the instructor's written confirmation that the paper demonstrates suitably advanced writing proficiency. Both of the courses in which the papers were written must be upper-division and taken for the major. The student must notify the instructor before turning in the papers that they are intended to satisfy this requirement in addition to the course requirements. Students should consult with the department advisor to ensure that their plan for completing the Upper Division Writing Requirement is consistent with university graduation requirements for General Education. Students completing the Stony Brook Curriculum (SBC) must complete a course that satisfies the "Write Effectively within One's Discipline" (WRTD) learning objective to graduate. The Upper Division Writing Requirement is consistent in most cases with the SBC learning outcomes for WRTD.

The Honors Program in European Studies

To be eligible to participate in the honors program, majors must have an overall g.p.a. of 3.00 and an average g.p.a. of 3.50 in European Studies through their junior year. An eligible student wishing to write a senior thesis must find a faculty member to act as thesis advisor. The student, with the approval of this advisor, must submit a proposal of a project in writing to the Director of Undergraduate Studies. The deadline for submission of the proposal is April 30 for the spring semester, and November 30 for the fall semester. Selection of candidates and topics is made by a committee within the Department. Students chosen for the honors program must enroll in EUR 495 for the semester in which the thesis is written. The thesis is evaluated by the thesis advisor, and approved by two additional faculty. For further information consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Requirements for the Minor

The minor in European Studies is designed to provide an overview of the discipline and to complement most majors. At least 12 of the 30 credits required for the minor must be taken at Stony Brook.

1. Core Courses
   - EUR 101 The Foundations of European Culture
   - EUR 201 The Development of European Culture

2. Studies in a European Language
   - Four courses in one European language, two at the 200-level, and two at the 300-level or higher.

3. Elective courses
   - Four courses chosen in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Three of the courses must be within a particular concentration.

Declaration of the Minor

Students must declare the European Studies minor no later than the middle of their junior year, at which time they consult with the program advisor and plan their course of study for fulfillment of the requirements.

Sample Course Sequence for the Major in European Studies (Concentration in Medieval Studies)

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European Studies

EUR 101: Foundations of European Culture
This course presents students with the thinking from a variety of disciplines that influenced the development of the diverse national cultures of Europe. Students are exposed to a chronological representation of the major ways that classical Greek, Roman, Judeo-Christian, and Islamic cultures contributed to the making of individual national cultures and identities of the major countries of Europe.

DEC: G
SBC: GLO
3 credits

EUR 201: Development of European Culture
An introduction to the important literary works that arose from major European cultural and intellectual movements and an examination of their continued influence on the modern world. Readings focus on central texts pertaining to core religious issues, the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, Romanticism, Realism, Modernism, and Post Modernism. Examples from the arts, including film, music, and theatre, are used to illustrate the influence of the literary works.

Prerequisite: one D.E.C. B or HUM course
DEC: I
SBC: HUM
3 credits

EUR 390: Special Topics in European Studies
May be repeated as the topic changes.

Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: To be announced with the topic
DEC: I
SBC: HFA+
3 credits

EUR 401: Senior Research Seminar in European Studies
Intensive investigation of specific topics within the European Studies concentrations. Students will develop their skills in selecting a relevant topic, problematizing it, conducting research and writing on it in a persuasive fashion, presenting their findings in the seminar, and submitting a written paper at least 20 pages in length.

Prerequisites: EUR 201; 15 additional credits in the major; U4 standing; European Studies major
SBC: ESI, WRTD
3 credits

EUR 447: Directed Readings in European Studies
Independently supervised readings in selected topics in European Studies. May be repeated.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor
1-6 credits

EUR 458: Speak Effectively Before an Audience
A zero credit course that may be taken in conjunction with any 300- or 400-level EUR course. The course satisfies Stony Brook Curriculum’s SPK requirement.

Prerequisite: taken in conjunction with any 300- or 400-level EUR course; permission of the instructor
SBC: SPK
S/U grading

EUR 475: Undergraduate Teaching Practicum in European Studies I
Students aid instructors and students in European Studies courses in one or several of the following ways: leading discussions, helping students improve writing and research skills, and library research. Students meet regularly with the supervising instructor.

Students may not serve as teaching assistants in the same course twice.

Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; permission of instructor and department
SBC: EXP+
3 credits, S/U grading

EUR 476: Undergraduate Teaching Practicum in European Studies II
Students aid instructors and students in European Studies courses in one or several of the following ways: leading discussions, helping students improve writing and research skills, and library research. Students meet regularly with the supervising instructor.

In EUR 476, students assume greater responsibility in areas such as leading discussions and analyzing results of tests that have already been graded. Students may not serve as teaching assistants in the same course twice.

Prerequisites: EUR 475; permission of instructor and department
SBC: EXP+
3 credits, S/U grading

EUR 487: Independent Project in European Studies
The designing and carrying out of a research project selected by the student and arranged by the student and the instructor. May be repeated once.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor
0-6 credits

EUR 488: Internship in European Studies
Participation in local, state, national, and international public and private agencies and organizations to apply and reinforce language and related skills and knowledge of social and cultural institutions. May be repeated up to a limit of 12 credits.

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and department
SBC: EXP+
0-6 credits, S/U grading

EUR 495: Senior Honors Project in European Studies
A one-semester project for seniors. Arranged in consultation with the department, the project involves writing a paper, under the close supervision of an appropriate instructor, on a suitable topic. Students who are candidates for honors take this course.

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and department
3 credits