European Studies (EUR)

Interdisciplinary Major and Minor in European Studies

Department of European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; College of Arts and Sciences

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Faculty

Please see the faculty listing in the entry for the Department of European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

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.

Courses Offered in European Studies

See the Course Descriptions listing in this Bulletin for complete information.

EUR 101-G Foundations of European Culture
EUR 201-I Development of European Culture
EUR 390-I Special Topics in European Studies
Independent reading, research, teaching practice, projects, internship, and senior honors courses

Requirement for the Major in European Studies (EUR)

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 39 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
   Two courses in one European language 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
   B. European Civilization Yesterday and Today
      HUE 269 Topics in Contemporary Slavic Culture
      HUE 392 Topics in Slavic Studies
      HUE 216 French Civilization through the Ages
      HUE 219 Modern France
      HUG 220 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
ARH 101 Art in Culture from Prehistoric Times to the Age of the Cathedrals, ca. 1400 AD
CLS 113 Greek and Latin Literature in Translation
CLS 215 Classical Mythology
CLS 320 Topics in Classical Civilization

D. European Art History and Music
ARH 101 Art in Culture from Prehistoric Times to the Age of the Cathedrals, ca. 1400 AD
ARH 102 Art in Culture from the Early Renaissance, ca. 1400, to Post-Modernism
ARH 303 The Art and Architecture of the Early Middle Ages, ca. 400-1050
ARH 304 The Art and Architecture of the High and Late Middle Ages, ca. 1050-1400
ARH/HUI 306 The Early Renaissance in Italy
ARH/HUI 307 The Age of Michelangelo in Central Italy
ARH/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
ARH 341 Art of the 19th Century
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 307 Politics in Germany
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
ECO 341 European Economic Integration

F. European Philosophy
PHI 200 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy
PHI 206 Introduction to Modern Philosophy (17th and 18th Century)
PHI 208 Introduction to 19th-Century Philosophy
PHI 247 Existentialism
PHI 249 Marxism
PHI 277 Political Philosophy
PHI 300 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, 206 Survey of British Literature I, II
EGL/HUR 231 Saints and Fools
EGL/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 235 The "Stranger" in World Literature
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 242 Special Genre or Period of Russian Literature in Translation
HUR 341 Topics in Russian Literature
HUR 383 Literary Analysis of Russian Texts in Translation
CLT 212 Literary Survey: Enlightenment through Modern

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.

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H. European Cinema and Drama
HUF 211 French Cinema
HUG 221 German Cinema since 1945
HUI 231 Sex and Politics in Italian Cinema
HUI 431 Special Topics 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 an advisor and approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

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 Director of Undergraduate Studies 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.

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 in European Studies (EUR)
The minor in European Studies is designed to provide an overview of the discipline and to complement most majors. At least 12 of the 24 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
Two courses in one European language 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.