

# European Studies, B.A.

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The European Studies program focuses on the study of Europe from the vantage points of several disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. Because Europe is both a geographical place and an idea that changes throughout history, it has had different meanings at different times and in different places. The study of Europe thus requires an open, pluralistic, and interdisciplinary curriculum that takes a critical approach to the idea (or ideas) of Europe.

The program provides a multidisciplinary view of Europe as a whole and of its historical, political, and cultural formation and global implications and encounters with the non-European world. It also provides a focus on a specific area of European experience that cuts across traditional disciplinary and national boundaries. Participation in the UC Education Abroad Program in a European country is strongly recommended for all European Studies majors.

**All students must meet the University Requirements** (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/informationforadmittedstudents/requirementsforabachelorsdegree/>).

**All students must meet the School Requirements** (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/schoolofhumanities/#schoolrequirementstext>).

## Requirements for the Major

Completion of two years of language (through the 2C level or equivalent) in French, German, classical Greek, Italian, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish.

Twelve courses:

A. Select two of the following:

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| HISTORY 70B | Problems in History: Europe  |
| EURO ST 9   | Topics in Europe in the Middle Ages                                    |
| EURO ST 10  | Topics in Historical Foundations (1500-1800)                           |
| EURO ST S10 | Historical Foundations: Europe and the Foundations of the Modern World |
| EURO ST 11  | Issues and Institutions in Modern Europe (1789-1945)                   |
| EURO ST S11 | Europe's Futures: 1755-Present   |
| EURO ST 12  | What is the Origin of Language?  |
| EURO ST 13  | Topics in Contemporary Europe (1945 – Today)                           |

B. Complete:

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| EURO ST 101A- 101B | European Studies Core I - Early Europe (Pre-1789) and European Studies Core II: Modern Europe (Post-1789) |
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C. Seven courses from the generally approved and quarterly approved lists, four of which must be upper-division and five of which must be in the student's specialization.

D. Complete:

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| EURO ST 190W | Senior Seminar in European Studies |
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**Residence Requirement for the Major:** At least five upper-division courses required for the major must be completed successfully at UCI.

**Specializations and Approved Courses:** The following specializations are available in the major in European Studies:

- Early Europe (Pre-1789)
- Modern Europe (Post-1789)
- French Studies
- German Studies
- Italian Studies
- Russian Studies
- Spanish Studies

The list of approved courses is extensive and varies from quarter to quarter, depending upon course scheduling. For complete up-to-date information about approved courses, students are advised to consult the European Languages and Studies website (<http://www.humanities.uci.edu/els/>).

A degree in European Studies prepares its graduates to enter advanced degree programs in international business, history, law, political science, and cultural studies. The strong academic skills and professional orientation acquired by European Studies majors are necessary to pursue successful careers in such fields as international banking, law, journalism, management, public relations, publishing, and government service, as well as social justice and non-governmental organization (NGO) work both in the United States and abroad. Humanities graduates in general learn to express ideas clearly, do independent research, and think analytically and imaginatively—the required tools for success beyond the undergraduate career.