

# European Thought and Culture, M.A. (4+1)

The M.A. in European Thought and Culture draws on expertise from faculty in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences in order to take an interdisciplinary approach to this area of study. The degree provides students with a rigorous course of study in the foundational philosophical texts and cultural products in literature and the arts produced in Europe from the Middle Ages to the present, locating them in their historical contexts. The Program also emphasizes both the complex legacies of Europe's destructive colonial and imperialist projects and the racial, religious, and cultural diversity represented within European societies.

Students may enter the M.A. program from two different tracks: the 4+1 program for current UCI undergraduates and the stand-alone M.A. track for students from outside UCI.

Admissions eligibility for the M.A. program (4+1 and stand-alone tracks) are as follows:

- Completed graduate application
- Official transcript
- Two letters of recommendation from instructors in a related field
- Writing sample
- Cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Cumulative 3.3 GPA in major
- Completion of one European language other than English. See language requirement.

**Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis for the fall quarter of the following academic year. Currently registered UCI undergraduate students in their final year of study may apply for the 4+1 track, which will allow them to begin coursework for the M.A. in their last year of undergraduate study.**

## Course Requirement

All M.A. students must complete a total of nine courses (36 units) for the degree:

A. Complete:	
EURO ST 200A	Core Seminar I: Foundations of European Thought and Culture
EURO ST 200B	Core Seminar II: Theorizing Periods and Movements in European Thought and Culture
EURO ST 200C	Core Seminar III: European Thought and Culture Beyond Europe
EURO ST 201	Topics in European Studies (four courses)
EURO ST 299	Independent Research (two courses)

## Language Requirement

Students are required to demonstrate reading knowledge in one European language other than English. For all students, this prerequisite requirement is expected to be completed by the time they receive their B.A. through completion of two years of a European language (2C level or equivalent).

## Degree Conferral

All M.A. students must complete one of the following options as their degree capstone:

### Plan I – Thesis

The thesis, approximately 25 pages in length, is a piece of independent research reviewed and approved by the faculty advisor and thesis committee.

### Plan II – Comprehensive Exam

In this examination, students will have a 48-hour period to answer and submit a total of three essays; one 10-page essay on a specialized topic of research, and two five-page essays related to topics covered throughout degree coursework.

## Time to Degree

Students are expected to complete all degree requirements and the Master's thesis/comprehensive exam within one year (three quarters). Maximum time to degree is two years.