



Bachelor of Arts in European Studies

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Why major in European Studies at Cal State Fullerton?

European Studies offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Europe. This gives students the opportunity to explore a dynamic, multicultural world region without being confined to the perspective of one discipline. The program provides a broad historical background in the political, economic, social and cultural composition of today's Europe while setting the study of Europe within a global context. This depth of study allows students to discern and gain insights from multiple disciplines that are most beneficial to their career goals. The program also requires a significant knowledge of a foreign language, which is essential for students who want to explore careers in international business, communications or other endeavors that require work in Europe.

The Bachelor of Arts in European Studies provides students with the flexibility to choose from five advisement tracks to shape their studies to fit with their interests and career objectives.

- 1) European Culture, Religion and Philosophy
- 2) European Fine Arts and Literatures
- 3) European History, Politics and Society
- 4) Communications, Business and Economics in Europe
- 5) Thematic Plan in European Studies

What types of career opportunities are available?

This is an ideal program for students whose interests and career objectives are in areas such as business, journalism, entertainment, government service, law, or education, as well as those who plan to study some aspect of the European experience at the graduate level. The program provides students already majoring in an existing discipline (i.e., history, business, art, economics or philosophy) with the opportunity to have a second major or a related minor. In addition, the program fulfills the various cultural objectives common to any liberal arts program. It would be a particularly good choice for students seeking teaching credentials.

What courses are required?

The major consists of 39 upper-division units including a required set of core courses (18 units) and an elective component (21 units). At least 12 but not more than 15 units in the elective component must be drawn from one of five advisement tracks listed above.

I. Required Core Courses (18 units)

- A. Geography (3 units)
Geography 336 Europe (3 units)
- B. History (3 units to be chosen from the following)
Anthropology 320 Cultures of Europe (3 units)
Economics 351 European Economic History (3 units)
History 320 Modern European History (1789-present) (3units)
Political Science 330 Politics in Nation-States (3 units)
- C. Upper-Division European Language Requirement (6 units, minimum)
 - 1. Composition and Grammar (3 units)
One course in advanced composition and grammar in a European language other than English. The following CSUF courses satisfy this requirement:
French 307, German 305, Portuguese 317 and Spanish 301.
 - 2. Upper-Division Specialty Course (3 units)
One advanced Foreign Languages & Literatures specialty course selected from the courses listed in the student's advisement track. With the approval of the program coordinator, students wishing to pursue European languages other than those offered at CSUF may satisfy these requirements by enrolling in comparable courses at other CSU or UC campuses or by transferring credits from other accredited language programs.
- D. Upper-Division Writing Requirement (3 units)
European Studies does not offer its own upper-division writing course. Instead, students will be advised to take an approved writing course from one of the program's constituent departments.
- E. European Studies Senior Colloquium (3 units)
European Studies 490 – Senior capstone course conducted by the program coordinator. Students prepare and submit a portfolio of work completed during their program of study in European Studies, including a presentation of a final paper/project.

II. Upper-Division Elective Courses (21 units, at least 12 but no more than 15 of which must be drawn from ONE of the following advisement tracks)

For a complete listing of courses that fall under each Advisement Track, please see the program web page or visit us in Humanities 815F.

Advisement Track One: European Culture, Religion and Philosophy –

This track is particularly useful for students whose career objectives are in education, as well as those who plan to study some aspect of the European

experience at the graduate level. Students gain expertise in the changing, contested definitions of European cultural identity. They have the opportunity to examine further the philosophical and religious foundations of European culture and to explore how Europeans have defined cultural insiders and outsiders based on ethnicity, race, religion, class and gender.

Advisement Track Two: European Fine Arts and Literatures – This track is intended for students whose career objectives are in the fine arts, entertainment, as well as those who plan to study some aspect of the European experience at the graduate level. Students gain expertise in the production and analysis of high cultural artifacts in art, literature, music, oratory and theater. Students also examine the representations of cultural minorities and women in fine arts and literatures.

Advisement Track Three: European History, Politics and Society – This track is especially appropriate for students whose career objectives are in government service, law, as well as those who plan to study some aspect of the European experience at the graduate level. Students gain further expertise in the historical evolution of European political institutions and social relations. In addition, students examine European ethnic, gender and class relations from historical, political and sociological perspectives.

Advisement Track Four: Communications, Business and Economics in Europe – This track is intended for students whose career objectives are in business, journalism, as well as those who plan to study some aspect of the European experience at the graduate level. Students develop further expertise in the changing impact of European economic integration on global trade, communications and finance.

Advisement Track Five: Thematic Plan in European Studies – This track is appropriate for students with specialized individual career goals or for those with career plans in education. Students must develop their thematic plan in conjunction with the program coordinator to ensure that their course of study meets European Studies learning goals.

Option 1: Individualized plan of study to be developed in conjunction with European Studies program coordinator.

Option 2: Open to Liberal Studies students only. Individualized plan of study to be developed in conjunction with Liberal Studies advisor and European Studies program coordinator.

The minor consists of 19 upper-division units including a required set of core courses (10 units) and an elective component (9 units).

Required Core Courses (10 units)

- A. Geography - Geography 336 Europe (3 units)
- B. History - Choose 3 units from the following: Anthropology 320, Economics 351, History 320, and Political Science 330.

C. Upper-Division Foreign Language Composition and Grammar (3 units)
One course in advanced composition and grammar in a European language other than English. The following CSUF courses satisfy this requirement:

French 307, German 305, Portuguese 317 and Spanish 301.

D. European Studies Senior Colloquium – European Studies 490 (1 unit)

Upper-Division Elective Courses (9 units)

Students may choose to take any of the courses listed as electives for the major.

**What activities
can I join?**

The European Studies Society is a student organization that offers social and instructional programs. It provides a forum for students interested in Europe to meet, exchange information and organize campus events. Other student clubs that offer a forum for European Studies students include Le Cercle Français, Club de Español, AIESEC (International Association of Students in Economics and Business Management), Model United Nations Club, and Political Science Students Association.

**What kind of financial
aid is available?**

The university offers many types of financial aid including loans, grants and scholarships. To find out more, call the Office of Financial Aid at (714) 278-3125.

Who advises me?

The program coordinator conducts undergraduate advisement in European Studies. Visit our website at <http://hss.fullerton.edu/history/european> to learn more about the European Studies degree at Cal State Fullerton. You may also contact us via e-mail through the website. Contact Professor Cora Granata for information.

How can I learn more?

The program's website lists faculty members, acquaints students with graduation requirements, and presents detailed information about the field of European Studies. Visit us at <http://hss.fullerton.edu/history/european>. We also encourage you to visit us in person to speak with an adviser. The program's office is located in Humanities 815F. You can also write to us at:

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