

INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR

European Studies

The European Studies program allows the student to construct a customized major that focuses on an area of Europe - for example Western Europe or Central Europe; or the student can focus on a topic - for example, environmental protection, or cultural identity that cuts across national boundaries from east to west. The European Studies major prepares the student to work effectively in government, business, journalism, and international organizations, or to pursue a degree in graduate studies leading to a career in research, law or teaching. Some students also combine a degree program in European Studies with majors in History, Political Science, or Business.

Requirements: The major in European Studies consists of a minimum of 36 credits of 2000-level or higher (formerly 200-level) interdisciplinary course work built around eight core courses (24 credits) plus four related courses (12 credits). None of these courses may be taken on a PASS/FAIL basis.

Related Courses: Four courses chosen from at least two departments of 2000-level or higher (formerly 200-level) course work selected from the ES advisor's list of approved electives and in close consultation with the major advisor.

Language Requirement: Intermediate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and understanding a European language other than English, demonstrated either through completion of the fourth semester of a college-level language sequence or through examination by a faculty instructor in the language. Study abroad is strongly encouraged as an effective means to increase proficiency. Linguistic and cultural proficiency will significantly enhance your chances for study or work opportunities later on.

Core Courses

1. History 2402 (229): Europe in the Twentieth Century
2. Modern Languages.: One 2000-level or higher course in European Civilization, Culture or Literature
3. One course in three of the following six fields:
 - Art History
 - Art History 3430 (252) - Nineteenth Century European Art
 - Economics
 - Economics 2101(201) - Economic History of Europe
 - Economics 3421(W) (242(W)) - International Trade
 - Economics 3422 (243) - International Finance
 - Geography
 - Geography 4700 (254) - Contemporary Europe: A Geography
 - History
 - History 2401 (228) - Europe in the Nineteenth Century
 - History 3412 (258) - Intellectual and Social History of Europe in the Nineteenth Century
 - History 3413 (259) - Intellectual and Social History of Europe in the Twentieth Century
 - Music
 - Music 3411 (211) – The Composer and the Composer's World
 - Political Science
 - Political Science 2222(W) (231(W)) - Political Institutions and Behavior in Western Europe
 - Political Science 3225 (230) - Politics in Eastern Europe
4. Three courses chosen from one or more of the departments listed above

An essential part of the European Studies major/minor is proficiency in a European language and study abroad. Students will be encouraged to study in a European country either through a summer program or through a semester program at a European university. There are currently 24 different study abroad programs for over 16 European countries available to UConn students. Study abroad opportunities are available which require only English and which require prior language training. These programs are designed not only for language and culture immersion and training, but to suit a variety of interests and academic programs, ranging from Engineering to Art History.

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CAPSTONE COURSE AND METHODS COURSE

Every individualized major must satisfy a capstone requirement. Therefore your plan of study must include INTD 4600W (295W), the Individualized Major capstone course, INTD 4697W (296W) Senior thesis, or an acceptable alternative. For more details about the capstone requirement, see: http://www.iisp.uconn.edu/imjr_capstone.htm.

In addition, every individualized major must take a suitable research or methods course. More information on what types of courses fulfill this requirement, see: http://www.iisp.uconn.edu/imjr_researchmethodscourse.htm.

ADMISSION TO THE IMJR

Your application for admission should include (1) a plan of study; (2) a statement of purpose; and (3) your current unofficial transcript. Your faculty advisors should see and approve a final version of both your plan of study and statement of purpose. You will find more admissions information, including guidelines for writing the statement of purpose and sample statements of purpose at: http://www.iisp.uconn.edu/imjr_admissions.htm.

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