



European Studies

European Studies is an interdisciplinary degree that combines advanced language study with Europe-related coursework in the humanities and social sciences. Courses are taught by Europeanists from a variety of academic disciplines, including history, political science, literature, language, art history, philosophy, sociology, geography, economics, and business. Besides developing an in-depth understanding of European history and culture, students will acquire advanced skills in critical thinking, close reading, and persuasive writing.

Building on their University Core and GE Foreign Language courses, students begin the major with an introduction to European Studies (EUROP 200), a survey of European history (HIST 250), two elective courses in European history, and a course in either

Western or Eastern European politics (POLI 341 or 347). By their junior year, students should begin either the Social Sciences Track or the Humanities Track, each of which requires twelve hours of coursework. In their final year, students take the senior seminar in European Studies (EUROP 490R) and nine hours of supporting coursework (which must be approved in advance by the European Studies faculty coordinator).

THE MAJOR

Where can I learn more about majoring in European Studies?

Interested students should meet with either the European Studies faculty coordinator, Professor Nick Mason or one of the counselors at the Kennedy Center Advisement Center (273 HRCB).

How do I declare a major in European Studies?

Go to the Kennedy Center Advisement Center (273 HRCB), where the secretaries will assist you. Seniors must meet with an academic advisor before approval to switch to the major will be granted.

What are the major's requirements?

See the [BA in European Studies](#) page in the BYU Undergraduate Catalog

What knowledge and skills may I expect to gain as a European Studies major?

For the expected Learning Outcomes for the European Studies major, [click here](#).

THE MINOR

The European Studies minor allows students who have completed a mission, internship, or study abroad in Europe—or simply have a love for Europe's people and cultures—to expand their knowledge of the continent and receive a formal credential signaling their international expertise. Requiring only 15 hours beyond the GE language requirement, a minor in European Studies is a perfect way to complement a degree in just about any field.

INTERSHIPS

Recent experience has proven that European Studies majors and minors who have completed internships fare significantly better when applying for jobs or graduate

school. The gold standard is spending a semester or summer interning in Europe. While several departments in the College of Humanities sponsor high-quality internships in Europe, students with an interest in government and public policy should consider two internships sponsored by the European Studies program: the Scottish Parliament and the EU in Brussels. See the links for application instructions under “Other Content” on the right.

If finances or life circumstances make it impossible to leave Provo, you can still have an outstanding internship experience through local providers. [Visit the Internships page](#) for more information.

CLUBS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

European Studies Student Association (ESSA), Model European Union, Model United Nations, International Society, foreign language clubs, choirs, and honor societies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

While a degree in European Studies can lead to a range of rewarding careers, majors in the discipline are strongly encouraged to supplement their degree with a study abroad experience, an international internship, and a minor or secondary major in a complementary field. Past graduates have found work in business, government, non-profit administration, and domestic and international teaching. Others have used the degree as a springboard to graduate studies in law, business, medicine, political science, public administration, international studies, history, literature, and language.

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