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# European Studies

In the College of Arts and Letters

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## Offered by the Department

Major in European studies with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Major in Russian and Central European studies with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Minor in European studies.

## The Majors

**European Studies.** The establishment of a unified European economic community, contested borders in central and eastern Europe, gender and immigration issues in the European Union, the reconciliation of national identity with European integration — for students with an interest in these or other topics of international importance, European Studies presents an opportunity to develop an individualized academic program. The European Studies major provides students with interdisciplinary study of the contemporary cultures of modern Europe and extensive preparation in a modern European language. The major requires a core of European Studies courses which address the themes and issues of modern Europe: the new political reality of a united Europe, the recent developments in Central and Eastern Europe, and the tasks of understanding how Europeans relate to themselves and to the rest of the world in today's global village. Because language proficiency plays a pivotal role in intercultural and social understanding, the study of languages is an integral part of the degree. Students will attain an advanced level of proficiency in a modern European language (to be selected from French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish) and select from courses offered in a variety of programs on campus and abroad which contribute to the interdisciplinary study of contemporary European culture. Reaching beyond traditional linguistic and historical approaches to the subject, this program challenges majors to develop critical, focused, interdisciplinary understandings of European themes and issues. The European Studies major prepares students for a variety of careers in diplomacy, with government agencies, or in European-centered commerce, communication, arts or the travel industry. Students also have the option of pursuing a double major in a second European language area study. Finally, with some carefully chosen additional coursework outside the major, graduate study in any of the major's disciplines is an option.

**Russian and Central European Studies.** The goals of the Russian and Central European studies major are to promote the study of Russia, New States of Eurasia, and Eastern Europe within an integrated framework, and to build better understanding of the societies and cultures of this part of the world through the exchange of students, faculty and publications.

Recent revolutionary advances in transportation and communications produced by science and technology are effectively "shrinking" the world. At the present time the United States, Russia, and the New States of Eurasia are in the process of expanding their commercial and cultural ties, opening unprecedented opportunities in government service, journalism, library work, and international business.

For those who continue graduate work after completing the bachelor's degree, Russian and Central European studies is a good preparatory curriculum for graduate professional programs in international trade, international law, librarianship, education, public administration, and journalism.

## Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

## European Studies Major

**With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences  
(Major Code: 03101)**

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

A minor is not required with this major.

In order to satisfy degree requirements, students must complete at least one of the language emphases as described below.

**Preparation for the Major.** (Complete I and II: 19-32 units.)

**I. *European Studies*** (9 units). European Studies 101, History 105 and 106.

**II. *Foreign Language and Culture*** (Select one: 10-23 units.)

French 100A, 100B, 201, 210, 220, 221. (22 units)

German 100A, 100B, 202, 205A, 205B. (21 units)

Italian 100A, 100B, 201, 210. (16 units)

Portuguese 101, 201. (10 units)

Russian 100A, 100B, 110, 200A, 200B. (23 units)

Spanish 101, 102, 103, 202, 211, 212. (22 units)

**Language Requirement.** The language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for the major.

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement.** Completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better or passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above. See page 73 in "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

**International Experience Requirement.** All European studies majors are required to complete a study abroad program in a European country, consisting of a minimum of six units (90 hours). However, European studies majors are strongly encouraged to complete a more extensive abroad experience by participating in a semester or an academic year program. To fulfill the study abroad requirement, European studies majors must enroll in an approved program. Unapproved study abroad programs will not meet the international experience requirement for the major.

**Major.** (Complete I, II, III, and IV below: 36 units.)

**I. *European Studies*** (12 units). European Studies 301, 501, and six units selected from any 400- or 500-level European studies courses.

**II. *National Language and Culture Emphasis*** (12 units). Complete one language and culture emphasis:

French 301, 421, 422, and one additional three unit course.

German 301, 400, 430, and one additional three unit course.

Italian 301, 422, 424, and one additional three unit course.  
 Portuguese 301, 401, 534, and one additional three unit course.  
 Spanish 301, 340, 405B, and Spanish 302 or 381.  
 Russian 301, 311, 430, and one additional three unit course.

**III. European Studies Electives** (6 units). Select six units from the following: European Studies 501, 527; Art 558, 559; Comparative Literature 514; Geography 336; History 408, 440, 512A, 512B; Humanities 404; Music 408A; Philosophy 506, 508; Political Science 302, 356; Russian 435; Women's Studies 340.

**IV. National Culture Electives** (6 units). Courses must be selected from an area other than courses selected for National Language and Culture Emphasis. Select six units from the following: English 544; French 424; German 320; History 418, 517, 518; Humanities 310, 320, 330; Italian 422; Political Science 357, 359; Russian 305A, 305B.

**Language Proficiency Exit Examination.** Students are required to satisfy the Language Proficiency Exit Examination before graduation. To clear the language proficiency exit requirement, students must achieve a passing score on a language examination approved by the European Studies program. For further information concerning test dates, contact the European Studies office.

## Russian and Central European Studies Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences  
 (Major Code: 03071)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

A minor is not required with this major.

**Preparation for the Major.** Russian 100A, 100B, 110, 200A, 200B. (23 units)

**Language Requirement.** The language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement.** Completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better or passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above. See page 73 in "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

**International Experience Requirement.** All Russian and Central European Studies majors are required to complete a study abroad program in Russia or any other Slavic-language speaking country, consisting of a minimum of six units (90 hours). However, all majors are strongly encouraged to complete a more extensive abroad experience by participating in a semester or academic year program. To fulfill the study abroad requirement, Russian and Central European Studies majors must enroll in an approved program. Unapproved study abroad programs will not meet the international experience requirement for the major.

**Major.** A minimum of 27 upper division units to include Economics 330\*, History 518, Humanities 330 or Russian 430, Political Science 359, Russian 301, 310, 311, and six units of electives in 400- or 500-level courses in Russian.

\* Additional prerequisites required.

## European Studies Minor

The minor in European studies consists of a minimum of 15 units to include European Studies 101 and 301 and nine additional upper division units from European Studies courses or Humanities 404. Students must also establish proficiency level in a European language other than English by completing one of the courses which satisfies the language graduation requirement or demonstrates equivalent proficiency.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University, including units earned abroad.

## Courses (EUROP)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula and University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

### LOWER DIVISION COURSES

#### EUROP 100. New Perspectives in European Studies (1) Cr/NC

New interpretations of European language, culture, politics, and social issues. Presentations from perspective of various disciplines. Contemporary issues.

#### EUROP 101. Introduction to European Studies (3) I, II

Europe: The land, the people, their artistic, intellectual and cultural movements, including art, architecture, languages and literatures.

#### EUROP 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

### UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

#### EUROP 301. Contemporary Europe (3) I

Prerequisites: European Studies 101 for majors, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities for nonmajors.

Contemporary Europe, emphasizing artistic, intellectual, and cultural trends, as well as contemporary issues.

#### EUROP 424. European Cinema (3)

Two lectures and two hours of activity.

Prerequisites: European Studies 101 for majors, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities for nonmajors.

Issues and themes in European culture as seen through its films.

#### EUROP 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

#### EUROP 499. Special Study (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

### UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

#### EUROP 501. European Life and Culture (3)

Prerequisite: European Studies 301.

Specialized study of topics such as European union, European women, or European art. May be repeated with new title and content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

#### EUROP 527. The Holocaust in Feature Films (3) II

(Same course as History 527.)

Two lectures and two hours of activity.

Prerequisite: Upper division or graduate standing.

Depiction of the Nazi policy of destroying European Jewry and its impact on the perpetrators, bystanders, victims, and the post-war world in feature films.

**EUROP 560. Technologies and Methodologies: Language Learning and Teaching (3) I**

Two lectures and two hours of activity.

Prerequisite: Advanced level foreign language competency.

Understanding foreign language competencies; create and use technology-assisted learning and testing materials; review and evaluate foreign theories and methodologies.

**EUROP 596. Topics in European Studies (3)**

Prerequisites: European Studies 301 for majors and minors; upper division standing for all others.

Specialized topics in contemporary European culture. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit of six units of 596 applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum combined credit of six units of 596 and 696 applicable to a 30-unit master's degree.

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