

EUROPEAN STUDIES MINOR

Interdisciplinary Minor

Europe's historical importance is undeniable: Many of the ideas and inventions that have shaped our world originate in Europe—from capitalism and parliamentary democracy to the printing press, Christianity, the railroad, or industrialization. Studying Europe's diverse past therefore is essential to understanding the world we live in.

Europe continues to play a central role in the globalized world of the twenty-first century: The European Union is a key actor on the political and economic world stage and an important stakeholder in topics of global concern, such as worldwide migration, environmental stewardship, or global security. Understanding Europe in its cultural, political, economic, and ethnic diversity is thus critical to shaping the future and developing solutions for such global challenges, as well as developing an insight into different cultures in their own right.

European Studies at Washington College provides an excellent complement to multiple majors, offering an interdisciplinary focus on the study of Europe through fields such as political science, foreign languages, history, and literature, as well as a semester (or winter/summer) of studying in Europe.

European Studies Minor Requirements

1. Completion of two introductory courses, preferably taken during the first two years at the college

Code	Title	Credits	Notes
ANT 105	Introduction to Anthropology		_____
ECN 111	Principles of Macroeconomics		_____
HIS 203	Modern World History I		_____
or HIS 204	Modern World History II		_____
or HIS 205	Early Origins of Western Civilization I		_____
or HIS 206	Early Origins of Western Civilization II		_____
POL 104	Introduction to World Politics		_____
Students may substitute other introductory level courses that pertain to Europe with approval from the minor director.			_____
Total Credits		8	_____

2. Study of a European language

This can be achieved by fulfilling of the college-wide language requirement or beyond in French, German, or Spanish (or another European language abroad).

3. Study abroad for at least one semester (preferred) or in an approved short-term abroad program in Europe.

The options for semester-long study include Washington College-approved programs in England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Scotland, and Spain.

4. Completion of four upper-level (300 and 400) courses related to Europe, beyond the study of language.

Two courses must be completed at Washington College (see list below), and two courses abroad. Alternatively, participation in non-Washington College programs or a Washington College short-term abroad program (such as a summer or winter break program) plus one additional course European Studies Minor may substitute for two courses abroad, with approval from the minor director.

Code	Title	Credits	Notes
Select 4 European-Related Courses From Below		16	_____
ART 310	Art & Nature in Med & Early Modern Eur.		_____
ART 312	Depicting Difference in Med&earl Mod Art		_____
ART 318	Romanticism to Post-Impressionism		_____
ENG 300	Global Middle Ages		_____
ENG 301	Chaucer		_____
ENG 321	Romanticism		_____
ENG 322	The Victorian Age		_____
ENG 323	The 19th Century English Novel		_____

ENG 332	Modern & Contemporary British Literature	_____
HIS 350	Empire and Papacy	_____
HIS 351	Ancient Rome	_____
HIS 352	Castles, Cloisters, Cathedrals, Mosques	_____
HIS 354	Renaissance & Reformation	_____
HIS 355	Women in Medieval Europe	_____
HIS 360	Modern Germany	_____
HIS 391	Russia and the Soviet Union	_____
or HIS 392	Russia and the Soviet Union	_____
FRS/ILC 311	Contemporary France	_____
GRS 317	German Cinema (English)	_____
MUS 327	Music, Ritual and Early Christianity	_____
POL 344	Comparative Government: Western Europe	_____

By the middle of the final semester, students must provide evidence of a research-based paper on a topic relating to Europe, to be approved by the minor director. Students are free to use a paper written for one of the courses taken for the minor or their SCE to fulfill this requirement.

Total Credits

24

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