

## Why Study Europe? Europe: an enigma to solve...

Europe is at a major turning point in its history as the European Union moves the continent to an unprecedented level of integration.

European nations continue to develop in ways significantly different from the United States, providing a useful counterpoint to American culture, society and policy making. Understanding Europe serves to illuminate issues in contemporary American society and to provide a model for change.

Those who acquire knowledge of Europe's history, sociology, politics, economy and culture will be well equipped to understand the changing dynamics of Europe as well as how its changes resonate globally.



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# European Studies Certificate



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## European Studies

The European Studies Program offers undergraduates the opportunity to earn a **Certificate in European Studies**.

Potential recipients of the Certificate must:

1. Demonstrate commitment to the study of Europe by attaining competency in a European language (*other than English*);
2. Take courses that address Europe as a whole or a combination of courses from at least 2 different departments that cover a minimum of 3 European countries or regions.

The Certificate in European Studies is a very valuable entry on an undergraduate's record.

For potential graduate school candidates, who wish to study Europe, the certificate demonstrates a high and sustained level of interest in the continent.

For students seeking **employment in international affairs, business, government**, or the international **non-profit** sector, the Certificate demonstrates a base of knowledge in the continent rarely found among American undergraduates.



## Certificate Requirements

1. Students must take **21 CREDITS** drawn from **at least TWO disciplines that focus on Europe, its regions or countries** EITHER by completing:
  - **7 Europe as a whole** courses which focus on topics such as the European Union, European history, European culture, or European literature; OR
  - **7 Courses that address at least three European countries or regions** such as Portugal, France, & Scandinavia; OR Italy, Denmark, & Europe
2. **Satisfy the L&S foreign language requirement** in a European language other than English.
3. **Fulfill requirements of a B.S. or B.A. degree** in an established major in a school or college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
4. Maintain a minimum **GPA of 2.5 (BC)** in all courses that you wish to count toward the Certificate
5. Complete a **Certificate Declaration Form**. Please contact the Certificate Advisor for information on declaring.

## Course Information

### Regular Courses

Almost 600 regularly offered courses at UW-Madison count automatically towards the European Studies Certificate.

To view these courses—visit [europe.wisc.edu](http://europe.wisc.edu)

### Study Abroad

You can count European study abroad courses towards the requirements for the Certificate. Contact the advisor for more information.

### Topics courses

Europe-related "topics" courses may also be counted with the permission of the Center. Contact the advisor for more information.

### Language Equivalency

Please contact the Certificate advisor if you wish to discuss or have questions about foreign language equivalency.

