EUROPEAN UNION STUDIES

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Major: European Union Studies
Degrees Offered: M.A.
Graduate Minor: European Union Studies

Graduate Degree Programs

The European Union Center administers an interdisciplinary program of language and area courses leading to a Master of Arts degree. The program is intended to serve three constituencies of students: those seeking to combine area expertise with professional training; those proceeding to disciplinary-based doctoral work; and those seeking a stand-alone, professional degree.

Admission

Applicants for admission to the Master of Arts program should have completed at least two years of a language of the European Union and hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. Admission requirements of the Graduate College also apply. The minimum paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score is 550 (213 on the computer-based test or 79 on the iBT).

Applicants must submit the Graduate College application for admission, certified transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (verbal, quantitative, and written), a writing sample, and three letters of reference. Applicants must also submit to the European Union Center a statement of purpose showing how the M.A. degree in European Union Studies fits into their educational and career plans. This statement must show that the interdisciplinary nature of the MA in EU Studies will serve the student better than a disciplinary degree. Admission is ordinarily limited to the fall semester, but exceptions are made for spring and summer admission.

Master of Arts in European Union Studies

Students pursuing the thesis option are required to conduct an oral thesis defense before an MA thesis committee. The thesis committee must consist of at least two individuals, with at least one member drawn from the EU Center Executive Staff. The thesis advisor (committee chair) must be a member of the Graduate Faculty.

Thesis Option

EURO 501  EU Institutions and Governance  8
& EURO 502  and The EU in a Global Context

Language Requirement: A candidate must demonstrate proficiency in a language of the European Union, other than English, at the advanced (third-year) level. Up to seven hours of advanced language (third or fourth-year) course work may be used toward the MA total hours. (Max 7)
EURO 599  Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)  0-8

Total Hours  36

Other Requirements 1

Other requirements may overlap
Minimum 500-level Hours Required  12 overall:
Coursework must come from at least three different academic units
Up to twelve hours may be credited for MA-equivalent study abroad courses or eight hours for internship placement.
Minimum GPA:  2.75

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department's graduate degree requirements (http://euc.illinois.edu/academic/degree.html) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Non-Thesis Option

EURO 501  EU Institutions and Governance  8
& EURO 502  and The EU in a Global Context

Language Requirement: A candidate must demonstrate proficiency in a language of the European Union, other than English, at the advanced (third-year) level. Up to seven hours of advanced language (third or fourth-year) course work may be used toward the MA total hours. (Max 7)

Total Hours  36

Other Requirements 1

Other requirements may overlap
Minimum 500-level Hours Required  12 overall:
At least two substantial research papers on European Union topics as part of course work, when relevant to the candidate's professional orientation, are required.
Coursework must come from at least three different academic units
Up to twelve hours may be credited for MA-equivalent study abroad courses or eight hours for internship placement.
Minimum GPA:  2.75

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Graduate Minor in European Union Studies

The graduate minor in European Union Studies complements PhD programs in many departments and provides an opportunity for students to pursue an area studies program as well as their primary field. Graduate students may also come from professional schools, such as law, business, and education, and departments with professional degree programs, such as urban and regional planning.

Graduate students seeking admission to the graduate minor in European Union Studies program should check with an academic advisor in their major degree-granting school or department to confirm eligibility prior to pursuing an application. Students must submit a graduate minor application, available from the Center, and if approved, a petition to the Graduate College requesting to add the European Union Studies minor.

Students in the European Union Studies graduate minor program must earn at least 16 hours of graduate credit in approved courses in at least two departments. Two of the courses must be EURO 501 and EURO 502. The graduate minor requires that students demonstrate the equivalent of two years of college-level study of a language of the European Union other than English, to support development of a technical vocabulary in fields such as business, law, and agriculture. A list of courses fulfilling the minor is available from the Center.

Note: Students within the major can not minor in the same program.

EURO 501 EU Institutions and Governance 8
& EURO 502 The EU in a Global Context

Courses from the Center’s approved course list. Courses must be from two departments 8

Language Requirement: Students demonstrate the equivalent of two years of college-level study of a language of the European Union other than English, to support development of a technical vocabulary in fields such as business, law, or agriculture.

Total Hours 16

Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

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