

# 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 four constituencies of students: those working on the completion of the 5-year BA/MA program; 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), or another post-secondary examination such as the LSAT, GMAT, MCAT, is required and international students are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), with minimum scores set by the Graduate College. All admission requirements of the Graduate College also apply.

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) or other post-secondary examination scores, 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 a minimum of one individual drawn from the EU Center Executive Staff. The thesis advisor must be a member of the Graduate Faculty.

## Thesis Option

Code	Title	Hours
EURO 501 & EURO 502	EU Institutions and Governance and The EU in a Global Context	8
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)		7
EURO 599	Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)	0-8
Total Hours		36

## Other Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required overall:	12
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	
Up to twelve hours may be credited from graduate level courses taken as an undergraduate enrolled in participating partner departments at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign as part of the European Union Center's 5-year BA/MA program	
Minimum GPA:	2.75

<sup>1</sup> 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

Code	Title	Hours
EURO 501 & EURO 502	EU Institutions and Governance and The EU in a Global Context	8
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)		7
Total Hours		36

## Other Requirements <sup>1</sup>

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Other Requirements may overlap	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required overall:	12

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

Up to twelve hours may be credited from graduate level courses taken as an undergraduate enrolled in participating partner departments at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign as part of the European Union Center's 5-year BA/MA program

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.

Code	Title	Hours
EURO 501 & EURO 502	EU Institutions and Governance and The EU in a Global Context	8
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 <sup>1</sup>

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Other requirements may overlap	

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