EUROPEAN UNION STUDIES, MA

for the degree of Master of Arts in European Union Studies

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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.

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European Union Studies Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/minors/european-union-studies)

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.

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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.

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).

Thesis Option

Code | Title | Hours
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EURO 501 | EU Institutions and Governance & EURO 502 | 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)

EURO 599 | Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) | 0-8

Total Hours | 36

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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

Non-Thesis Option

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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.  

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