European Studies

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European Studies is an interdisciplinary undergraduate major offered by the Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures (MCLC) Department. The major includes courses and faculty from the departments of Art History, English, History, Philosophy, and Religion.

The focus of the major in European Studies is a critical understanding of European cultures and societies in a global context that combines the study of literature, philosophy, history, the visual arts, and media.

Bachelor’s Program
• Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in European Studies (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/humanities/european-studies/european-studies-ba/)

European Studies does not currently offer an academic program at the graduate level.

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To view the most recent semester’s course schedule, please see Rice’s Course Schedule (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/!SWKSCAT.cat)

European Studies (EURO)
EURO 101 - INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE I
Short Title: INTRO TO EURO LIT & CULTURE I
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Antiquity to Renaissance. An introduction to major literary texts and other cultural artifacts of Europe dating from antiquity to the Renaissance. The course will contextualize texts and artifacts historically and culturally, and teach students to analyze them critically, both in relation to their original context and to present-day Europe.

EURO 102 - INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE II
Short Title: INTRO TO EURO LIT & CULTURE II
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Antiquity to Renaissance. An introduction to major literary texts and other cultural artifacts of Europe dating from Renaissance to the present day. The course will contextualize the aforementioned texts and artifacts historically and culturally and will teach students to analyze them critically, both in relation to their original context and to present-day Europe.
EURO 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS  
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture, Seminar, Lecture/Laboratory, Independent Study  
Credit Hours: 1-4  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

EURO 320 - TELL-ALL: SAYING "I" IN CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE  
Short Title: TELL-ALL CONTEMPORARY LIT  
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Why do contemporary writers want to “tell all” in their novels, memoirs, exposés? This hybrid literary studies/creative writing course explores “I” genres in contemporary literature, asking why authors risk their lives, their reputations, and their families in the name of literature, truth and freedom of speech.

EURO 401 - CONSTRUCTING EUROPE: CONTESTED IDENTITIES  
Short Title: CONSTRUCTING EUROPE  
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This capstone course offers a critical investigation of European cultural narratives and social imaginaries. Central topics include reason (science, humanism, secularism); freedom (individualism, capitalism, democracy, nation-states, revolution); universalism (Greek, Roman, and Christian origins, religious toleration, imperialism, globalization, the EU, resurgent nationalism).

EURO 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS  
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Laboratory, Internship/Practicum, Lecture, Seminar, Independent Study, Lecture/Laboratory  
Credit Hours: 1-4  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

EURO 499 - EUROPEAN STUDIES HONORS THESIS  
Short Title: EUROPEAN STUDIES HONOR THESIS  
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Research  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): EURO 101 and EURO 102  
Description: Two-semester honors thesis in European Studies. Independent research projects by outstanding European Studies majors lead to honors theses. Undertaken in close cooperation with a departmental faculty member. This is 3-credit course which will be repeated in sequential semesters for a total of 6 credits. Permission of instructor only. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

Description and Code Legend

Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
- Course offerings/subject code for European Studies: EURO

Department Description and Code
- Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures: MCLC

Undergraduate Degree Description and Code
- Bachelor of Arts degree: BA

Undergraduate Major Description and Code
- Major in European Studies: EURO

CIP Code and Description

- EURO Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 05.0106 - European Studies/Civilization

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2020 Codes and Descriptions from the National Center for Education Statistics: https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/