European Studies Minor

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The turn of the twenty-first century coincides with the first united European currency, the Euro. The Euro is emblematic of a new Europe, one that has become a major force not only in world politics but in the ever-evolving cultural landscape of the new millennium. The study of European cultures provides students with a unique understanding of the complex mosaic that is today’s Europe. In the increasingly competitive job market, a focus on European Studies is a valuable asset in any field.

Requirements

Students who minor in European Studies focus on different aspects of European culture, language, literature, film, politics, geography, philosophy, and history. Students may declare a minor in European Studies upon successful completion of FR 311 and FR 312W or GER 311 and GER 312W or SPAN311 and SPAN 312W, or the equivalent. The additional 12 credit hours will include electives in the Department of World Languages and Cultures and courses from the following program areas: Art, Geography, History, Music, Philosophy, and Political Science.

Option 1

- Two courses from World Languages and Cultures, above 312W or the equivalent. One course must be outside the language of proficiency, or can be a WCS course with a European emphasis.
- Two courses from related disciplines outside of the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

Option 2

- Three courses from World Languages and Cultures, above 312W. One course must be outside the language of proficiency, or can be a WCS course with a European emphasis.
- One course from related disciplines outside of the World Languages and Cultures Department.

Credits can also be earned by studying abroad in Europe. The student’s course of study will be determined in consultation with an advisor from the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

For completion of a minor, a student must have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in all courses specified as a requirement for the minor exclusive of lower-level courses and prerequisite courses and complete a minimum of six hours in upper-level courses in the minor requirement through courses offered by Old Dominion University.