

Undergraduate Certificate in European Studies Program Details

In order to complete the certificate, students need to undertake coursework in a major European language through the advanced level or higher, and take six courses (18 credit hours) from among the European Studies Program offerings: two upper-level European/regional history courses, one government course, one economics course, one course addressing cultural/ideological perspectives and one elective in regional/international affairs. In addition, students need to complete the European Studies Senior Colloquium during the fall semester of their senior year at Georgetown.

The general course requirements

Language: Complete coursework in a major European language through the advanced/third-year level

History: two upper-level European History courses

Economics: one course (with ECON 001 and ECON 002 as prerequisites)

Government: one course

Elective addressing ideological or cultural perspectives: one course

Elective addressing the regional or international behavior of the region of study: one course

Colloquium (INAF 454): An interdisciplinary reading and research seminar for senior certificate candidates

More specific information

No more than two courses from another university, foreign or domestic, may be applied toward the certificate, unless as approved by the Program Director. Courses cannot be counted toward both the certificate and the student's major or minor requirements. Students should check with their Dean's Office concerning how the program may fit within their degree program.

All requirements except the Colloquium are to be completed by no later than fall of senior year. Students must consult with the Program Director to choose a regional focus such that certificate courses inter-relate within that focus. For Language majors, the major language determines the regional focus. For other students, any major European language taken through the advanced level determines the regional focus. To complete a concentration on France, Germany, Italy, or Spain, the following requirements must be specific to the country: major language through the advanced level, at least one history course, at least one elective, and the focus of the Senior Colloquium research paper. To receive a general European Studies Certificate or a concentration on the European Union, the course selection is individualized in close consultation with the Program Administrator and the Program Director.

Language: Complete coursework in a major European language through the advanced/third-year level.

History: two upper-level European History courses.

Economics: one of the following courses; each has ECON 001 and ECON 002 as prerequisites
ECON 387 The Economics of European Integration
ECON 446 European Integration
ECON 448 European Economic History

Government: one of the following courses: GOVT 121 Comparative Political Systems (students choose a section which focuses on European political systems; not all sections are appropriate or acceptable)

Or, for students with a strong background in comparative government (with approval):

GOVT 316 Contemporary Italian Society

GOVT 322 Fascism and Extremist Movements

GOVT 326 EU Identity/Globalization (At villa in Fiesole, Italy)

GOVT 395 Balkan Politics

Elective addressing ideological or cultural perspectives.

Elective addressing the regional or international behavior of the region of study.

Please see the list of courses on the European Studies Certificate Program website.

Colloquium (INAF 454): An interdisciplinary reading and research seminar for senior certificate candidates, dedicated to an in-depth examination of the European system. Responsibility for moderating the colloquium will be rotated on an annual basis among the European Studies Faculty in economics, history, government, international affairs, and languages. Other certificate faculty may be called upon to share their specific areas of expertise as needed. Each student will write a thesis for this colloquium.

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