

Western European Studies Program

FACULTY COORDINATING COMMITTEE *Gobeyn (Political Science); Jones (History); Walker (Foreign Languages), Chair.*

The Western European studies minor is designed to provide knowledge of the region, past and present. The purpose of the minor is to expose students to the broad spectrum of economic, political, social, and cultural forces which have given in the past and continue to give shape today to the development of contemporary Western Europe society and the European Community. It is meant to provide a centralizing focus and coherence to European studies, while proceeding in an interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary approach. A singular concentration on a particular nation-state, national culture, or historic era is not the intent of the program. The minor should supplement or complement a student's major, and help support career or graduate school objectives. To ensure coherence, students will choose part of their course work from a list of core subjects. A senior-level capstone course will provide the opportunity to synthesize and integrate perspectives and insights gained from core and elective course work.

Minor in Western European Studies

Curriculum and Requirements

Prerequisite course:

CIV 100 Western Civilization or CIV 111, 112 Unified Composition and Western Civilization I, II. Any transfer work must be a substantial equivalency.

Foreign Languages:

Successful completion of one of the following: FLF, FLG, FLS 202 Intermediate French, German, Spanish or equivalent. It is recommended that students complete the foreign language requirement as early as possible.

In addition to the foreign language requirement, the minor requires 18 hours total. Students may count toward the minor a maximum of 3 hours in their major, that is, from the courses in their major listed as part of the minor. Students may count toward the minor a maximum of 6 hours in courses from any given department. Students must complete a minimum of 9 junior-senior hours in the minor.

Course hours for the minor must be distributed in the following manner:

Social Sciences..... 6

One 3-hour core course chosen from the following:
 IS 330, 331 European Nations in International Affairs
 PLS 304 Governments of West Europe

One 3-hour elective chosen from the following:
 ECO 444
 HIS 320, 322, 323, 325, 329, 341, 342, 375, 382
 IS 250, 330*, 331*
 PLS 304*
 SOC 320
 * Elective if not taken as part of core

Humanities..... 6

One 3-hour core course from the following:
 ENG 121 Early European Writers
 ENG 122 Later European Writers
 PHL/PLS 307 Classical Political Philosophy
 PHL/PLS 308 Modern Political Philosophy

One 3-hour elective from the following list:
 ENG 121*, 122*, 127, 237, 239, 341, 344, 347, 358, 361, 363
 FLF 305, 316, 325
 FLG 316, 321, 325
 FLS 316
 PHL 300, 304, 306, 311
 PHL/PLS 307*, 308*
 * Elective if not taken as part of core.

Fine Arts 3

One 3-hour core course from the following:
 ART 140 Survey of Art History I
 MUS 203 History of Music

Senior Capstone Course..... 3
 HIS 340 Contemporary Europe

Total Hours 18