G European Studies

The aim of the European Studies Programme is to enhance the student’s understanding of Europe by offering two types of modules.

First, there are multidisciplinary non-language modules covering an array of disciplines such as modules which focus on European Economics and Business, Geography, History, Literature, Philosophy and Politics. Second, there are language modules in either French, German or Spanish that students are required to read and pass.

Career prospects for NUS graduates in European Studies are generally bright as there are currently several thousand European companies operating in Singapore and Europe is among Singapore’s largest trading partners. Besides this, both various public sector bodies (such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry for Information and the Arts, IE Singapore and the Singapore Tourism Board) and companies in the private sector provide good career opportunities for our graduates. The graduate’s knowledge of Europe and proficiency in either French, German or Spanish are assets much appreciated by these institutions and companies.

Many of the Programme’s graduates have also proceeded to Europe to pursue postgraduate qualifications, and their knowledge of French, German and Spanish has allowed them to gain entry into European universities outside the United Kingdom.

Entry Requirements

Students wishing to read European Studies as a major should have a good grade in the General Paper and good GCE ‘A’ Level results. There are no prerequisite or qualifying tests. The Programme welcomes students who show a keen interest in the subject.

Previous knowledge of either French, German or Spanish is not required as these three languages will be taught as part of the curriculum. For students with prior knowledge of French, German or Spanish, placement tests will be conducted to enable them to pursue language modules* appropriate for their level.

* All language modules are offered by the Centre for Language Studies. Placement tests will also be conducted by the Centre.

Subject Requirements

Single Major [BA (Hons)]
To major in EU, students need to:

1. Pass EU1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 84 MCs of EU or EU-recognised (include French/German/Spanish language modules) modules, which include the following:

   - a minimum of 21 MCs of French OR German OR Spanish language (LAF/LAG/LASXXXX) modules, subject to a maximum of 26 MCs (See Note 1 to 3)
   - a minimum of 60 MCs at Level-3000 (including French OR German OR Spanish language modules) or higher, with
     1. a minimum of 40 MCs at Level-4000 or higher (including French OR German OR Spanish language modules)
   - a maximum of two modules at Level-5000 (subject to EU and the host department’s approval)

Note 1:
Additional language modules read (over and above the number stated above) cannot be used to fulfil EU major requirements.

Note 2:
Students who have prior knowledge of French, German or Spanish will be allowed to enrol for higher level language modules. Placement tests will determine the appropriate starting level for such students.

Note 3:
Students who qualified to start with LAF/LAG/LAS420X are required to read Level-4000 non-language EU or EU-recognised module(s) to make up the minimum 21 MCs language requirement.

Note 4:
To declare Honours track, students must have completed 110 MCs, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a CAP of 3.20 and above.

Note 5:
The Honours Thesis/Project (15 MCs) is optional. To qualify for the Honours Thesis/Project, students must complete 110 MCs including 44 MCs of EU major requirements with a minimum CAP of 3.50. In order to obtain Honours (Highest Distinction), students must achieve a CAP of 4.50 or higher and pass the Honours Thesis.

Note 6:
Students who do not attempt the Honours Thesis/Project will read Level-4000 modules to fulfil the Honours requirements.

Note 7:
Students may also read a Level-4000 Independent Studies Module (5 MCs). The Level-4000 ISM carries a prerequisite of 100 MCs completed, including 44 MCs in the major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20. It
precludes the Honours Thesis/Project.

Note 8:
All Level-4000 modules carry a general prerequisite of having completed 80 MCs, including 28 MCs in the major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20 OR being on the Honours track (some Level-4000 modules may have different prerequisites).

**Single Major (BA)**

To major in EU, students need to:

1. Pass EU1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of EU or EU-recognised (include French/German/Spanish language modules) modules, which include the following:
   - a minimum of 16 MCs of French OR German OR Spanish language (LAF/LAG/LASXXXX) modules, subject to a maximum of 26 MCs (See Note 1 to 3)
   - a minimum of 20 MCs at Level-3000 or higher (including French OR German OR Spanish language modules)

Note 1:
Additional language modules read (over and above the number stated above) cannot be used to fulfil EU major/minor requirements.

Note 2:
Students who have prior knowledge of French, German or Spanish will be allowed to enrol for higher level language modules. Placement tests will determine the appropriate starting level for such students.

Note 3:
Students who are granted waivers are required to enrol in EU non-language modules to meet the number of modular credits that were waived.

Note 4:
Please check with department website for the basket of EU-recognised modules.

**Second Major**

To major in EU, students need to:

1. Pass EU1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of EU or EU-recognised (include French/German/Spanish language modules) modules, which include the following:
• a minimum of 16 MCs of French OR German OR Spanish language (LAF/LAG/LASXXXX) modules, subject to a maximum of 26 MCs (See Note 1 to 3)
• a minimum of 20 MCs at Level-3000 or higher (including French OR German OR Spanish language modules)

Note 1:
Additional language modules read (over and above the number stated above) cannot be used to fulfil EU major/minor requirements.

Note 2:
Students who have prior knowledge of French, German or Spanish will be allowed to enrol for higher level language modules. Placement tests will determine the appropriate starting level for such students.

Note 3:
Students who are granted waivers are required to enrol in EU non-language modules to meet the number of modular credits that were waived.

Note 4:
Please check with department website for the basket of EU-recognised modules.

Minor

Pass at least 24 MCs of EU and EU-recognised (include French/German/Spanish language modules) modules, which include the following:

1. EU1101E Making of Modern Europe
2. a minimum of 4 MCs at Level-3000
3. a minimum of 8 MCs of EITHER French OR German OR Spanish language (LAF/LAG/LASXXXX) modules, subject to a maximum of 12 MCs. (See Note 1 to 3)

Note 1:
Additional language modules read (over and above the number stated above) cannot be used to fulfil EU major/minor requirements.

Note 2:
Students who have prior knowledge of French, German or Spanish will be allowed to enrol for higher level language modules. Placement tests will determine the appropriate starting level for such students.

Note 3:
Students who are granted waivers are required to enrol in EU non-language modules to meet the number of modular credits that were waived.
Note 4:
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Note 5:
A maximum of 8 MCs from the minor can be used to satisfy the requirements of a major or another minor.

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