
GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE ON THE EUROPEAN UNION

Each year, the EUCE/ESC sponsors a graduate student conference with a focus on the EU. For more information, visit <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/events/conferences.html>.

JEAN MONNET SYMPOSIUM

Faculty just beginning their careers and advanced graduate students present their research on the EU. Visit <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/events/conferences.html> for more information.

EUCE SUMMER PRE-DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

The EUCE sponsors summer fellowships for research on post-World War II European integration. Visit <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/students/graduate/EUCE-Pre-Dissertation.html> for more information.

EUCE DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

The EUCE/ESC sponsors fellowships for dissertations related to the EU. For more information, visit <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/students/graduate/EUCE-Dissertation.html>.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS (FLASF)

The EUCE/ESC awards U.S. Department of Education funded FLAS Fellowships for academic year or summer study of a modern European language. Visit <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/students/graduate/FLAS.html> for more information.



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Graduate Certificate in West European Studies

Western Europe has historically played a central role in international politics, economics, and social and cultural development. The creation, development, and expansion of the European Union and simultaneous reassertions of national, cultural, and ethnic identity make the study of Europe both exciting and vital to understanding broader global themes.

The European Studies Center (ESC) coordinates undergraduate, graduate, and professional education related to Western Europe. The ESC became a National Resource Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, in 1994. In July 1998, the Center was also chosen to be a European Union Center of Excellence (EUCE) and is now one of only ten in the United States. With these two grants, the ESC has supported the development of new courses on Western Europe and the EU, which are offered in departments and schools throughout the university.

The Certificate in West European Studies is designed to enable students to combine a focus in any discipline (including one in the sciences) with an interdisciplinary set of courses related to Western Europe. It integrates language study with the study of the region where the language is spoken. The Certificate also provides an *official* credential to demonstrate that a student has achieved a high level of proficiency in a West European language and a specialization in addition to their graduate or professional degree.

Academic Requirements

There are four Certificate requirements: 1) language proficiency, 2) area studies courses, 3) a research paper, and 4) graduation with a graduate or professional degree.

1. Language Courses

Three years of college-level instruction, or the equivalent proficiency, in one West European language other than English.

2. West European Studies Courses

At least 18 credits of West European Studies courses or seminars, of which at least 9 credits must be outside the student's major school/department.

A listing of the approved courses for the upcoming semester or term is available on the EUCE/ESC website about a week to ten days prior to the start of registration at www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/courses.html.

3. Research Paper

An interdisciplinary research paper of 15-25 pages that reflects the use of materials in a West European language. The paper could be prepared for a course, but students are urged to conceptualize it with the Certificate requirements in mind and to consult with the Center's Assistant Director while writing it. The paper will be evaluated by an ESC affiliated faculty member.

4. Students must complete all requirements for the Master's or professional degree or pass the preliminary examinations for the Ph.D.

Certificate Advising

In order to obtain maximum benefit from the program, students should meet with the Assistant Director to keep him informed on progress toward satisfying the Certificate's requirements. He advises on the completion of requirements and on opportunities that complement the Certificate including funding opportunities.



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