European Studies, MA

Modality

On Campus

Program URL

https://sfs.georgetown.edu/ma-european-studies/

At the conclusion of the two-year Master of Arts in European Studies (MAES) program, students will have acquired broad knowledge of European affairs, drawing on a range of disciplinary perspectives and their methodologies. They will have an appreciation and mastery of interdisciplinary analysis of European affairs, which entails among other things a capacity to interpret and apply theory within and across disciplines and to draw conclusions among discrete elements of a problem.

MAES graduates will have the ability to integrate academic and practical knowledge, and to demonstrate expertise in a self-designed area of European affairs. Students will acquire valuable skills in oral communication, critical writing, and original (including collaborative) research, and improve their mastery of two European languages. Taken together, their newly acquired proficiencies enable them to be informed participants in the transatlantic dialogue.

Academic Policies

Students in the European Studies program are expected to comply with the polices outlined in the Graduate Bulletin.

Requirements

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Students must complete 42 credits of coursework, including the six core courses (18 credits) and 24 credits of free electives with a minimum grade point average of 3.000. Additionally, students are required to demonstrate oral proficiency in one European language other than English, pass an oral comprehensive exam, and complete a Capstone project to be presented at the MAES Colloquium.

Course Distribution:

Code	Title	Credits
EUST 5001	Modern German and Eur History	3
EUST 5003	European Economy	3
EUST 5002	Politics in Eur & Eur Union	3
EUST 5004	European Culture	3
EUST 5005	International Affairs Europe	3
EUST 5006	MAES Master's Proj Sem	3
Elective Courses		24
Optional language courses >3000		
Total Credits		**42**

Required Examinations

Students are required to pass an oral language proficiency exam in one European language, as well as an oral comprehensive exam at the conclusion of the program. The oral comprehensive exam will first consist of a five-minute oral presentation based on a prepared one-page topic statement. You will then present a question, an argument about the question and explain how the topic relates to the core themes explored in your interdisciplinary study. Then, the oral examination panel will last approximately 30 minutes and will build on the question and argument raised in your oral presentation.

Thesis Requirements

While students do not write a traditional thesis, they are required to complete a research project during the Capstone course taken at the end of the program.

Colloquium

In the spring, the final colloquium prepares you to participate in academic and professional conferences. You'll present your master's projects to faculty and fellow students, while first-year students serve as commentators. It is an opportunity to connect with faculty while experiencing the interdisciplinary nature of and diverse academic interests in the program.