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All MES minors must attain proficiency in a European Union language at or above the intermediate (232) level. In addition, minors must complete 18 minor credits. Six of these eighteen must come from the minor’s core; six must cover European culture and thought; and six must cover European history and society.

Course Requirements

**CORE** (6 credits)

- HIST 202  Europe Since 1815
- HIST 382  Europe in the 20th Century
- POSC 344  Politics of the European Union
- POSC 345  Politics of Western Europe
- POSC 346  Politics of Central and Eastern Europe

**CULTURE AND THOUGHT ELECTIVES** (6 credits)

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